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ANC to meet on apartheid

Final obstacle falls before historic talks

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg, Susan Ellicott, Washington, Michael Binyon, Brussels, and Andrew McEwen, Loudon

South Africa yesterday removed the final obstacle to talks with the African National Congress when he welcomed a proposed ANC visit to discuss negotiations on ending apartheid.

He is expected to meet Mr Nelson Mandela and other leaders within weeks; but he has postponed a visit to Zaire for what would have been his first

summit with a group of African leaders. "Now is not the time to create further divisions," he said in a statement announcing he had agreed to President Mobutu's request that he post-pone the visit. "Africa cannot

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in its own ranks." But in a day of marked Line Day conciliatory moves in South launched a peace initiative in

afford more controversy with-

INSIDE

Tunnel vision

exhausted, so unless we got money from the banks the project would week. In such

"That money was

circumstances, people are bound to get a little tetchy." Alastair Morton, the chairman of the

Eurotunnel project, has seen its costs rise from an estimated 24 billion to more than £7 billion, and been consistently criticized for a management style

commonly described as "abrasive". Brian James talks to him on page 10 The arrival of the new

Lotus Elan - and the competition it will face in the sports car market is highlighted in our Motoring section: pages 30 and 31

 There were four winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win is on page 27

Victim's rights Moves to ensure that families of murder victims are consulted about the timing of a killer's release were unveiled yesterday in a "victim's

CA pass-list

The Institute of Chartered Accountants' examination results will be published in The Times tomorrow. Copies of the paper will be available from 10pm tonight at Victoria and King's Cross stations, Leicester Square, Marble Arch and Charing Cross.

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President de Klerk of Natal, and its political wing South Africa yesterday appeared to show a more flexible approach to international sanctions - the sanctions controversy raged in

> Britain confirmed that it was to lift the ban on new investment and on the promotion of tourism in South Africa, immediately coming under fire from an American official and the Irish Foreign Minister, but the United

Democratic Front - the ANC's political power base admitted it was not in its interests to damage the South

Its spokesman, Mr Patrick Terror" Lekota, who has just returned form meetings in Washington, said: "When we are satisfied that the process (of negotiation) is in motion, we will concur with those calling for the lifting of sanctions. It is not in the UDF's nterests to smash the South African economy. Mr de Klerk's statement on

the ANC was seen as an historic step in which he said: "This commitment to talks on ways and means of getting negotiations off the ground is a positive step. I sincerely ieve that direct communication is the best way to attain this."

Mr de Klerk said he address the "legal uncertain-ties" that exiled ANC leaders have expressed about returning to a country where they are still wanted criminals.

However, he rebuked the movement for its adherence to preconditions for talks. "This attitude is in stark contrast to the enthusiasm, if not impatience, on the part of all other leaders in South Africa to get negotiations going," he said.

Meanwhile, a five-man

talks with leaders from the rival Inkatha movement. Up to 3,000 people have

been killed in fighting between the two sides over the past five years and Mr Sisulu appealed to his followers to work for peace, but said a speedy solution should not be

The Inkatha leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, welcomed the ANC visit and the expected arrival of Mr Mandela, who will address a rally on Sunday.

But in spite of the signs of progress in South Africa itself, the dispute continued in Europe over Britain's stance

An American official claimed that Mr Douglas Hurd. the Foreign Secretary, had "slightly distorted" the contents of a letter from President Bush to the Prime Minister. Mr Hurd said on Tuesday that the letter applauded as a positive sign Mrs Thatcher's decision to end restrictions on

The letter appears to have embarrassed Mr Bush at a time when Congress is pressing for tougher sanctions; and an American official said there was a context to the letter which Mr Hurd did not

But a Whitehall source denied this. He said Mr Bush wrote that in his view, the steps Mrs Thatcher was taking were positive, and added that he felt strongly that when someone does what you have been asking, you should recognize that fact.

The source did not release the letter, but indicated that these were Mr Bush's words, put into indirect speech. The context showed that he could only be referring to the relaxation of sanctions.

British officials believe Mr Bush agrees with Mrs Thatch-ANC delegationled by Mr er's view, but is unable to say Walter Sisulu began a tour of Continued on page 20, col 7

De Klerk and Poison patrol on the Sussex coastline



End to the ambulance dispute may be close

that could end their six-month After more than six hours of

talks at the Department of optimistic" about the progress The talks took place amid

unions had accepted that there would be no guarantee that futrue pay settlements would be automatically linked to inflation.

Hundreds of militant ambulance workers have indicated they would consider the failure to negotiate a pay mechanism formula to be a sellout by the team of union negotiators led by Mr Roger

Mr Steve Manhire, a northwest London union convener. said that without agreement on a formula he and others

Cover-up

is denied

by Reagan

From Martin Fletcher

Washington

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oath that he knew nothing of

either the illegal diversion of

funds to the Nicaraguan rebels in 1985 and 1986 or of

subsequent attempts to cover up the scandal.

Mr Reagan spent eight hours giving evidence in a closed Los Angeles court late

last week. Judge Harold Greene ordered the release of

the transcript yesterday after

Bush Administration officials

had checked it for any nat-

Mr Reagan had been

ional security disclosures.

dispute appeared last night to another six months. "Roger be edging towards a settlement Poole will have to face the consequences if he has sold out on the formula," he said. It is understood the 20-

strong team of union nego-tiators who were at the talks held under the industry's demanding the right for local Whitley Council (the in-

Both sides in the ambulance were prepared to stay out for body)were considering a complex two-year offer that union sources believe to be worth 15 per cent. The Government's original offer was 9 per cent over 18 months In return, the managemen

> managers to vary future settledustry's pay negotiating ments to enable them to recruit and retain staff in areas Mr David Rennie, chairman of the 20 health service

managers at the talks, said earlier yesterday that he thought the chances of reaching a settlement were "better than evens". The strength of militant opposition to any settlement will be put to the test in ballots to be held among the 22,500

crews and officers. Last May, the membership overturned the recommendation of their leaders to accept the 6.5 per cent rise, which

Hurd sees Nato

the need for Nato to change with the times and explained how its role would become more political and less military in response to the changes in Eastern Europe. In a key statement on the

future of the alliance, which a Cabinet group headed by the Prime Minister and Mr Hurd has been reviewing, he told the Commons that security needs would change and that Nato had to distinguish rigorously between those roles which would remain important and others which would change in the face of events. In what amounted to the

first public confirmation of the review, disclosed by The Times last month, Mr Hurd listed as Nato's permanent membership, the presence of significant British and US forces stationed in Europe, a sensible mix of conventional

dependent nuclear deterrent. But the changes, he said,

would be a deeper involve-ment by the alliance in the Robert Kilroy-Silk...... 12

Europe, in its dialogue with the East, in arms control and in consultation about security inside and outside of Europe. In a wide-ranging speech on East-West relations and Ger-

man reunification, Mr Hurd announced that President Havel of Czechoslovakia is to visit Britain next month, probably on March 21. He rejected the option fa-

voured by President Gorbachov of a neutral Germany outside the military biocs, but accepted the need to take account of Soviet concerns on special arrangements for the territory of East Germany.

Guinness witness 'lied to save skin'

By Angela Mackay and Paul Wilkinson

in the Guinness trial was put it to Mr Roux that Mr accused yesterday of lying to Saunders was the public rela-

Mr Olivier Roux, Guinwho has been granted immunity from prosecution in return for testifying against his former employer, Mr Ernest Saunders, and three others, denied the suggestion.

The fifth day of the trial saw Mr Roux clash repeatedly with Mr Saunders's counsel Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, over his role in the affair.

witness box at Southwark ment of Trade and Industry Crown Court, Mr Roux inspectors, the police and this admitted signing invoices authorizing about £24m of alleged illegal payments in relation to a share support scheme devised during Guinness's £2.7 billion bid for Dis-

The main prosecution witness the payments. Mr Ferguson tions man and marketeer at Guinness during the bid. Mr ness's former finance director, Roux said that he thought Mr Saunders was the chief executive and the chairman.

"You thought that unless you could off-load the blame on to someone else you your-

self would be blamed," Mr Ferguson said. "I suggest you have lied about these matters On his third day in the to the lawyers, the Depart-

make a fresh bid after the first was referred to the Monopotillers in 1986. He maintained lies and Mergers Commission that Mr Saunders authorized in February 1986.

City relief over 'swaptions' ruling

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent The Court of Appeal con- There were fears that there

don Borough of Hammer-smith and Fulham operated statements yet on the Iran-Contra affair, former Presi-dent Reagan has testified on outside its legal powers in en-tering into a series of "swap" transactions with City banks, which now find themselves unable to enforce contracts worth nearly £100 million. However, it said that "swap" contracts could be legal, pro-vided council treasurers were simply hedging their risks for the ratepayers' sake, and not

"trading".

The judgment is a great relief to the banks, which had stood to lose an estimated £500 million if the clared unlawful.

subpoenaed to give evidence by Mr John Poindexter, his It leaves open, hoqever, the question of whether the banks former National Security Adwill recover the millions of viser, whose trial on five pounds outstanding on swap criminal charges arising from dealines entered into by some court said, but deals the affair begins on March 5.

firmed yesterday that the Lon- would have to be a huge debt write-off. Instead there may now have to be a number of separate legal decisions on the legality of each swap contract. Many councils with swap deals are now likely to repay money they owe.

A team of leading banks, led
by Barclays, had appealed
against a High Court ruling in

favour of the district auditor for Hammersmith, who last year had pronounced its huge dealings in the financial markets to be contrary to law.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, sitting with Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Bingham, yesterday upheld the auditor, but added a neat twist. Financial operations by Hammersmith up to July 1988 were clearly illegal, the court said, but deals done after

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Labour 'fair rate' plan...

of that is needed to finance a £70,000 loan taken out in 1986 to buy the cow shed and turn it into a village ball.

"We are a victim of buying this land long before poll tax was envisaged. We used to get 83 per cent of our income from rates, mostly from Langford water works, but now the villagers are having to pay their way," Mr Peter Hedge,

parish council chairman, said. Yesterday some villagers concluded it would be worth paying the levy. "We are

one of the few villages in the county without a pub so the hall is important. Personally, though, I'd rather have a pub," said Mr Brian Hobden, a sales manager of Maldon Road, Langford.

The new village hall is expected to be ready by June but the loan is over 25 years so the villagers will be paying for their meeting place for some consid-

A spokesman for the National Association of Local Councils said: "The parish councils have suffered under the new system because their finance proviously came from a combination of business and domestic rates. Now the business rates go straight to the Government and the poll tax is their only source of revenue. Local people must now pay

Parishioners wake up to the cow shed poll tax



By Ray Chancy

The 241 villagers in the Essex parish of Langford and Ulting were shocked to learn yesterday that, under the community charge they must pay an extra £39.83 each for the privilege of turning a decrepit cow shed into a village hall.

Their plight highlighted the fact that the new tax allows parish councils to impose their own levy on the locals. An embarrassed spokesman said: "It seems Langford and Ulting are charging the highest parish poll tax in the country but most of it will go towards a badly needed village hall."

The parish next door, Great Totham, (pop: 2,152) is making no poll tax charge. Both parishes come under Maldon District Council which has set the tax at £339. Its 30 parishes decide how much to add on to this figure.

Great Totham villagers will pay the straight £339 but locals in Langford and Ulting must pay £378.83 from which the parish will receive £9,600. Over £7,000

Labour in move to replace poll tax with 'fairer rates'

envisages a system in which houses would be taxed on the basis of their capital values as

opposed to notional rental

values under the rating

Capital values would be

worked out using a system of

sample valuations, involving houses being seen as repre-sentative of the property pro-

that bills would not go up

file of an area.

compared to others.

It also promises to exam

regard the increase in the

value of a house resulting

Senior Labour figures be-

heve these points have been conveniently ignored by min-isters in their attacks on the new scheme. The key to a new

system favoured by many in

the Shadow Cabinet is a new

rebate system, which would include for the first time the

introduction of 100 per cent

on the issue came as the Prime

gested the move as a way of

easing the impact of the

education out of local expen-

Mrs Thatcher said it would

"totally wrong" to take

from

expenditure.

community charge.

Signs of a new Labour shift

The Labour Party is moving ammunition to the Consertowards a decision to replace varives by lengthy discussion the community charge with a of alternatives which led to it modified version of the rating

Mr Bryan Gould, the party's environment spokesman, who is in charge of drawing up an alternative to the poll tax, is being urged by his Shadow Cabinet colleagues to drop any proposals which smack of a local income tax.

Instead, a majority of the Shadow Cabinet is understood to believe that Labour should opt for a modern, fairer system based on a property tax levied according to the value of properties, backed up by a generous and far more extensive system of rebates. That would mean that those on the

lowest incomes pay nothing.
The system being urged on
Mr Gould by key Shadow
Cabinet members is similar to

the Tories as a "roof tax.". The belief among Labour leaders is that the Government is incurring so much present system. They may avoid calling it "the rates" but admit that they will be proposing a more efficient version of

the old system. They feel that despite Conservative attacks, people will regard the Labour proposal of capital values, rather than rateable values, as fairer and more sensible.

party has already handed

coming forward with a plan for a property tax combined with a local income tax.

That was dropped in the face of charges from the Tories that Labour was planning a "two-tax" alternative.
Since then Mr Gould and

Mr David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, have been working on new proposals, the broad outline of proposals, the broad outline of which was disclosed by Mr Gould at the party's local government conference earlier value of a house rose or fell this month.

One option floated by Mr Gould for implementing a scheme which would dis-Labour's aim to introduce a property tax based on people's ability to pay was for a sophisticated system in which payment would be linked to income tax bands and col-lected from information althat announced by the Labour lected from information al-Party in Scotland, dubbed by ready given to the Inland

Several members of the Shadow Cabinet have told The Times this week that they un popularity over the community charge that Labour would be better served by offering improvements to the believe it would restore to the Tories their "two-tax"

There is far more enthusiasm for a local government tax backed by a comprehensive rebate sche

A senior shadow minister said: "The Tories are getting so much flak for replacing the rates with the poll tax. We There is frustration that the second law alternative."

Labour's Scottish scheme

Minister names Britain's dirtiest street.



Search for cyanide bottles begins

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent

Police and firemen wearing special protective clothing and breathing apparatus yesterday began clearing the East Sussex coast of canisters containing the lethal chemical potassium

Minister yesterday rejected growing calls by Conservative Up to 16 containers have so far been washed ashorein the MPs to remove education past two days along a 15-mile local authority stretch of coastline between Hove and Newhaven. Senior Tories have sug-

They are thought to have come from a ship in the firm's company secretary, confirmed that the labels appeared to be theirs.

County Council have con-

canisters contain the cyanide. shipment to Saudi Arabia that Mr Martin Fitzgerald, a supplient to Satch Arabia that spokesman for the county from Sheerness, Kent. It is due authority, said some of the bottles were labelled with the March 2. chemical symbol for potas-sium cyanide, "KCn", as well as its United Nation's identi-

fication code, "1680". Late vesterday, the canisters were traced to a Dorset chemicals company, BDH Ltd of Poole. Mr John Vaas, the

peared to be theirs.

After examining records, he said the company believed the canisters had formed part of a

The shippers of the consignmeat were United Arab Ship-ping of Kuwait, which has more than 30 vessels.

Another lead is a link with a Qatar-registered ship that ran into trouble north of the Bay of Biscay. The vessel, which has not been named, hit severe weather in the new year and was forced into the French port of Cherbourg for mainte-

nance from January 5 to 11. The BDH company's total potassium cyanide shipment had been 16 500-gramme bottles for use in laboratory

clustered on the foreshore at Brighton, have also been washed ashore but these are not thought to contain the

The fire brigade urged anyone finding any more can-

plastic bottles with blue plastic

testing, Mr Vaas said. Six other canisters, several

isters to report them to the police immediately. The cvanide canisters, white

lids, measure between six and

Sundays and Monday mornings. Stall holders from the

street market leave rubbish everywhere," Mr Michael Smith, a Bury New Road shopkeeper, said last sight. Mr Trippier handed out other brickbats for councils which he claimed were not

By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent

Bury New Road in the cities of Salford and Manchester is the dirtiest street in Britain, Mr David Trippier, the minister in charge of the Government's

anti-litter crusade, declared

It was covered with the uncollected refuse of weekend street markets, Mr Trippier

alleged, every Monday morning when he drove in to Manchester to take the train

to London from his Rossen-

He was launching a code of

practice to accompany the new litter laws being brought in by the Government's Green Bill.

Last night there was some

confusion as to which an-

thority - Salford or Manches-

ter - was responsible for the littered section of the road, which runs from one to the

Salford City Council said: We used to have an illegal

used our powers to stop it. We think it has now started up again on the Manchester section." No-one from Manchester City Council was available

"The road is a disgrace on

dale constituency

yesterday.

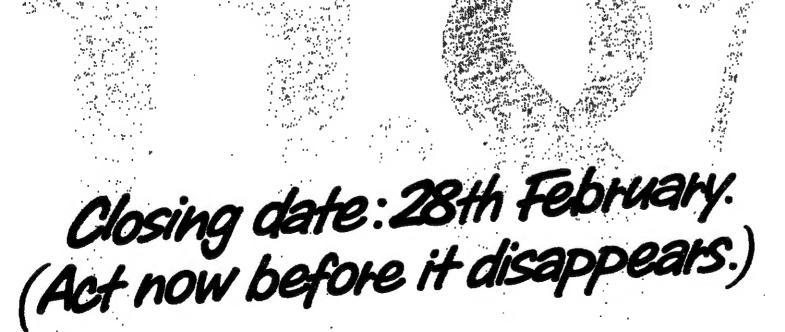
living up to their responsibilities over litter — as well as several plandits. "A considerable number of

London boroughs are bad," he said. "Lambeth I personally find appalling." Westminster,

Westminster, however, had "got it right" with its litter warden scheme and £10 fixed penalty, and Canterbury, in Kent, was also good.

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Three battered to death in home

NEWS ROUNDUP

A husband, wife and their 16-year old son were yesterday found battered to death in their home on the outskirts of Beaconsfield in Buckinghamshire (Stewart Tendler writes). Last night officers were attempting to persuade a 30-yearold man with a noose round his neck not to jump from a tree near the scene of the murder and kill himself. A police negotiator, a doctor, a social worker and a psychiatrist were at the scene talking to the man, said to be local. Police said

he was not thought to be armed. The alarm was raised when Buckinshamshire fire brigade was called to Cherry Tree Woods, part of a council estate, by children who saw a man up a tree with a noose round his neck. Police went to a house in the estate and found the bodies of Mr Anthony Rawlings and his wife, Barbara.

Searching the garden, they found the body of the couple's

There had been no forced entry into the house. Police later began searching for a murder weapon.

Search for bombers

Police hunting the IRA unit that bombed an Army van in Leicester on Tuesday said yesterday that they wanted to trace two men seen near the spot where the vehicle was parked (Craig Seton writes). They also appealed to hoteliers and the owners of guest and lodging houses to help discover

if the terrorists stayed in the area before the attack. Det Chief Supt Graham Carr, head of Leicestershire CID. said the men had been seen 30 minutes before the van left a car park near the Joint Armed Forces Careers Information Office. Three people were hurt in the blast.

Drink driver jailed

A drink driver who killed a young couple when he hit their car at 70mph was jailed for five years yesterday and banned from driving for 10 years. John Adams, aged 36, had drumk 10 pints of lager, Preston Crown Court was told. Adams, of Warrington, Cheshire, admitted causing death by reckless driving, and an excess alcohol offence.

Gas prices to rise

Gas prices for Britain's 17 million domestic customers are to rise by 7.5 per cent and standing charges by 70p to £9.40 a quarter from March I (David Young writes). The increases will add about 60p a week to the average bill. British Gas said the cause was the higher cost of producing and supplying gas from the North Sea.

New IRA libel trial

A libel action against The Sunday Times by two brothers over an article about an IRA plan to bomb Britain will be reheard at the High Court in Dublin on March 20. The initial action by Mr Patrick Murphy, of Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, and his brother, Thomas, of Dundalk, Co Louth, was aborted when the jury was discharged after legal

Families ask council to buy back homes

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

tenants who bought their homes under the "right-tobuy" legislation are asking councils to buy back their properties because they can-not afford the repayments, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday.

Sheffield City Council is considering changing its policy of refusing to buy back the properties it sold at heavily discounted rates, in the wake of hundreds of requests from former tenants.

But it insists that if it does it will accept properties back only at the original purchase price, not at today's values. If the scheme goes ahead, families will be able to con-

Many of the million council and will return to paying rent. "Some people are suffer great deal of stress and hardship, and the advantage of selling back is that they can stay in the house and will not be at the bottom of a waiting list," the council said.

Sheffield has sold about 14,000 of its 94,000 council

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities, which represents the main conurbations, said that many former tenants were finding themselves out of their depth.

"They are also seeing that councils provide a better repair service. This is happening throughout the country, ir-respective of the political continue to live in their homes, trol of the councils."

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Surgeon admits failing to check if kidney donors were paid



donors received money.

A leading transplant surgeon accepted yesterday that he had failed personally to establish whether payment had been made to four Turkish kidney donors before the operations took place in 1988.

Mr Michael Bewick, one of three doctors charged with serious professional misconduct, was giving evidence on the 23rd day of a nearing by the General Medical Council professional conduct committee. The others are Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street nephrologist, and Mr Michael Joyce, a prologist.

All three deny the charges of misconduct. However Mr Bewick admitted yesterday that he had not personally established that financial or other improper induce-Mr Bewick: Was assured no ments had not been made to the donors; whether or not the patient

and recipient were related; the said, "Was Dr Crockett using meas kidney from a living donor for anything fishy about Mr Usta circumstances in which the kidney a surgeon because he knew that I someone who was as ill as Mr B. donating a kidney to Mr B?" patient understood the risks involved and the possible complications; and that he had failed to procure a freely given valid con-

To a further charge of taking part or acquiescing in the sale of human organs, Mr Bewick gave an emphatic denial. Asked by his counsel Mr Rodger Bell, QC, whether he had knowingly taken part in the alleged sale, he replied: "No. No way. Anyone doing that is committing suicide."

Mr Bewick described a "confrontation" with Dr Crockett at the Post House Hotel, near Heathrow, early in 1989, after reports of kidneys being offered for sale appeared in newspapers. "It was the only time I had any doubt about Dr Crockett's intentions," he

circumstances in which the kidney a surgeon because he knew that I was being provided; that the would trust him? It was possibly unfair to suspect him, but I did.

"I asked him specifically 'Did you pay any of these donors? He said 'No' and I believed him. I have never doubted him since."

Mr Bewick was questioned about a kidney which he transplanted from a Turkish donor, Mr Ferhat Usta, into an Israeli patient, a Mr B, on July 16 1988. Mr B was extremely ill and had reached the stage where life was not worth living on a dialysis machine.

Some days before July 16 I was informed that a distant relative had arrived from Turkey willing to give a kidney to Mr B," Mr Bewick said. At that time he had not considered the likely relationship between a Muslim and a Jew.

One factor to consider was whether it was permissible to use a However, Mr B was desperate to get off dialysis even if the process killed him.

-Dr Crockett and I felt on balance that the donor was genuine and wished to give a kidney and that although the risks were greater than with a normal living donor we should be able to do it, given great care, good management and a slice of luck."

He saw Mr B the afternoon before the operation at the Wellingon Humana Hospital, in St John's Wood, north-west London, and made sure that he fully understood the risks

Mr Bewick was asked if anything jarred when he first saw Mr Usta. He replied that Mr Usta had a darker skin and was of a quite different physique from Mr B. "Did it strike you that there was

"Not really. I assumed that this was a totally genuine, non-paid, altruistic, albeit distant, donor. I can't remember the time sequence in which I thought isn't it strange a Muslim giving to a Jew.

"It seemed to me that if a Muslim was giving to a Jew, he had to have some sort of altruistic relationship because of the antipathy between Muslims and Jews. The question of money never crossed my mind."

Mr Bewick told the hearing that he had first met Dr Crockett in 1984. The "jungle telegraph" had told him that he was a good physician and he had worked regularly with him since then.

Dr Crockett regularly assumed responsibility for consultation with both donor and recipient before live transplant operations and for

process was to establish the relationship between donor and patient before they came into the hospital.

In the case of another donor, Mr Ahmet Koch, who has told the bearing that his kidney was removed without his prior knowledge or consent, Mr Bewick said the recipient was a Dr K A S who was described as coming from Libya. Although Mr Koch had claimed that he thought he was in a hotel and was undergoing tests in order to get a job, Mr Bewick said he had the distinct impression that he knew Mr B.

Earlier, Mr Bewick had said he was hopeless at "sussing out" if a donor was being paid. "I am much too trusting. I tend to take people at face value and if they say black is white I believe them.

The hearing continues today.

Customs to demand seizure of gang members' assets

Eight guilty of £18m plot to smuggle marijuana

By David Sapsted

when eight men were convicted of a conspiracy to smuggle into the country £18 million of the drug hidden in timber from Africa.

The unanimous verdicts came on the 107th day of the trial after the jury had been gang, including hours of videos filmed by undercover Customs and Excise investigators.

Sentencing was adjourned overly-heavy bundles of until March 27 when the court timber. will hear an application from Customs, under the 1986 Drugs Trafficking Offences Act, for the confiscation of vast amounts of property be-

longing to the gang.
The court had heard that, for five years, the profits from one of Britain's most extensive cannabis-smuggling op-erations rolled in. For Paul

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Roy Crack: Spent £250,000 in refurbishing his home.



Paul Newman: Leader of the drugs-in-wood plot.

Britain's longest cannabis trial Newman, the ring leader, the came to an end at the Central cash bought a mansion in Criminal Court yesterday suburbia and a champagne lifestyle. It also enabled him to indulge in his passion for motor-racing, sponsoring some of the country's best young drivers.

The seeds of the gang's downfall were sown in May 1987 when a manager of a out for three days considering warehouse in Wimbledon, a mass of evidence against the south London, where consignments of hardwood from West Africa were being stored, found forklift trucks were having difficulty moving the

> He ordered one batch broken open and found mari-juana inside. Customs investigators were called in and discovered that 865 kilos of herbal cannabis, with a street value of £1.3 million, were hidden in nine, coffinlike containers in the centre of

> The find triggered an undercover operation codenamed Doorman which Customs and Excise and police officers describe as "the most signifi-cant investigation ever held in this country". Tracing various front companies importing the timber, they were led to a £1 million, 35-room mansion in Eltham owned by Newman, a man whom investigators could never trace as having a

> regular job. Undercover surveillance pieced together the legitimate with a passion for motor racing. He ploughed thousands of pounds into the sport, sponsoring a racing team which hired Ross Cheaver, brother of the Formula One driver Eddie.

> The British driver John Herbert, hailed as "the new Nigel Mansell", was partly sponsored by Newman although he told the trial that at no time did he realize there was any drugs connection.

Newman's daughter Emily, ged 20, was the European unior go-kart champion and is now one of the country's ton woman drivers, being spon-sored by Cellnet in Formula small, ex-council house in Another member of the power boat and spent long Martin Smale, aged 40, a tenced to prison there for 13 Three races. Emily and David 1986 into a detached home gang who gave evidence for holidays in Spain. Two of the







The house that Crack bought with cocaine cash (top), the wood used to hide the drugs in transit (above left) and the drinks bar made from that wood.

Evans, one of the defendants in the trial and a successful Formula Ford 2000 driver, appeared on BBC's Blue Peter to talk about motor sport.

Away from the track, Newman - whose favourite car side of his life: a father of three was his 150mph Ford Cosworth Sierra - dropped hints to neighbours about making money from property deals. In fact, he was making it from an operation which brought at least £18 million worth of

marituana into Britain. His two senior lieutenants were Roy Crack and Peter Lambert. During the course of the trial they argued that they believed they were smuggling gold, not marijuana. Customs investigators, however, said they, too, prospered on drugs

Crack - who began life as a debt collector for Newman -

with swimming pool, sauna and jacuzzi, set in an acre of land at Warlingham.

He spent more than a quarter of a million pounds refurbishing the house, ironically using wood that had come from cargo used to hide the cannabis. Lambert moved from a

tiny, two-bedroom flat to a detached house next door to Crack. What the wealthy trio did not know was that they were under constant surveillance by Custom officers as they flew back and forth between Britain and West

Africa to set up the deals.
Harry Apiah, a convicted drugs smuggler and one-time member of the gang, informed on his former colleagues and became a key witness for the Crown. He told the court that an Ivory Coast MP was inthe Crown, Robert Westbury, is now living in police cells in fear of his life amid rumours that a £100,000 "contract" has been put out on him.

During the course of Operation Doorman, Customs seized four and half tonnes of cannabis with a street value of £6.5 million. Between 1983 and January 1988, when the first arrests were made, they believe that at least 14 shipments were brought in,

The trial heard that a solicitor was used to launder the millions of pounds of profits. The gang set up bogus com-panies to import the wood from Africa and one, Clavingdon Ltd, was run by

Steven Scott was used by the gang as a warehouseman and, like Newman, drove a Cosworth Sierra, owned a other bogus companies, Oak- south-east London, was acseal Ltd and Mubawood Ltd, were run by Bateson.

The eight men convicted of

conspiring to smuggle can-nabis between January 1983 and February 1988 were Michael Bateson, aged 33, decorator, of Grove Park, south-east London; Roy Crack, aged 52, club owner, and his son-in-law, Peter Lambert, aged 29, property consultant, who lived next door to each other in Warlingham,

Surrey; David Evans, aged 27, engineer, of Merstham, Surrey, Mark Fairman, aged 30, motor engineer, of Brom-ley, Kent; Steven Scott, aged 30, carpet fitter, of Barking, Essex; John Upton, aged 47,

quitted by the jury.
Paul Newman, aged 43, of
Eltham, south London — the gang leader — and Robert Westbury, aged 42, a night-club manager who gave evi-dence for the prosecution, admitted the conspiracy at the

beginning of the case. Crack, Lambert, Evans, Smale, Upton, Scott, Bateson, Fairman and Yates had all denied conspiracy to import cannabis. Crack and Lambert also denied belping drug traffickers with the disposal of their proceeds.

Some gang members have already been sentenced. Peter Cromack was convicted in 1985 of importing one and a Essex; John Upton, ageu 17, car restorer, of Downham, half tons worth more than 22 Bromley; and Jeffrey Yates, aged 40, painter and decorator, of Hounslow, west agh, who was arranged there for 13

Widow 'unable to fill in cheques'

The widow of a 1920s Cabinet minister, who allegedly had her fortune pilfered by relatives, became incapable of managing her financial affairs, a court was told yesterday. In the dock at Birmins

Crown Court are Michael de Stempel, Sophia Wilberforce and Marcus Wilberforce. They deny conspiracy to steal from Lady Illingworth.
Yesterday Miss Elizabeth Greig-Smith, a secretary, told the jury how she was taken on by Lady Illingworth in 1981 to

sort out paperwork at her Kensington flat. "I threw hundreds of re-

ceipts and bills away and filed stocks and share certificates," Miss Greig-Smith said. Lady Illingworth's eyesigh

was so poor that she was mable to fill in cheques. Over the years, the ex-society hostess became vague and confused and lost some of her elegance. Between 1982 and 1983 I was managing her financial affairs. She wasn't

financial affairs. She wasn't capable of doing so herself."

Miss Grieg-Smith described how she found a missing handbag belonging to Lady Himgworth, containing £160 and a valuable brooch, under Miss Sophia Wilher-financial had.

force's bed. The home of Lady llingworth, said to have died a pauper, was filled with beautiewellery, she said. The case continues today

PORTFOLIO

£500 prize to pay for 'little treat'

There were four winners of esterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum competition who

receive £500 each.
Mr Tony Williams, aged
65, of Lledrod, Aberystwyth,
Dyfed, said it was the first time be had won anything in his life.

"It was quite a surprise. I have just bought a new caravan so I will use the prize money to buy some

little luxury to put in it," he The other winners were Mr Peter Philpott, of Hartley, Kent, Mr Robert Waters, of Rhiwbina, South Glamorgan, and Dr J Wil-son-Croome, of Bownemouth, Dorset.

Mersey oil spill

Shell accused of trying to save pipeline during leak

By Ronald Fanx

terday of causing an oil the expense of the environdamage to the environment."

"gusher" as it tried to save its mental consequences.

He said the line was coated pipeline during a spill that polluted 20km of the Mersey estuary last August.

At Liverpool Crown Court, the company admitted causing the pollution but denied it to Shell staff that the volume had been negligent or had being received at the failed to maintain the pipeline Tranmere oil terminal was buried in the estuary shore.

In the first prosecution by the National Rivers Au- miles away. thority, Mr Willian Rankin, Mr Rankin oil company of allowing 50 ers Authority until 17.30. tonnes, 10,000 gallons, of the pipeline had burst.

It caused a slick 16km long and killed 300 birds, putting another 2,000 at risk, he said. After the initial leak,

Bromborough, Mr Rankin said that Shell employees pumped light oil and then water through the pipeline human error. causing the gusher, which remove the oil from the ation then available and with The case continues today.

It was feared that the oil in in concrete and protected cooling would block the line, he said.

The burst happened on August 19. At 3pm it was clear less than was being pumped in at the Stanlow refinery 12

Mr Rankin said Shell did for the authority, accused the not inform the National Riv-

He said the fracture had heavy Venezuelan crude to been caused by severe external escape into the estuary after corrosion of the 12in insulated pipe. And he alleged Shell had failed to inspect and maintain the pipeline.

Shell, said the company fully through a six-inch split in the accepted responsibility and corroded pipeline at expressed deepest regret for the incident, but the leakage had happened despite strenuous precautions and without

standing by to drain the liquid Mr Martin Thomas, QC, for escaping onto the foreshore. The operation was underway for 20 minutes before the gusher happened.

"The decisions which have been criticized were profes- happen we may have taken river. It would appear the sional decisions taken on the another decision," Mr Jenkins flushing was done, he said, to spot and on the best inform- said.

Shell UK was accused yes-pipeline to preserve the line at the intention of minimizing He said the line was coated against corrosion by a ca-

thodic system. It was inspected the previous March when nothing was found. Investigation after the spill showed that at the point of the burst, the steel had become exposed to sea water at high tide. Mr Edward Jenkins, deputy

manufacturing manager at the Stanlow refinery said he decided to pump water along the pipeline because the break had occurred at a low point and a large quantity of oil remained in the system which could still leak out when the tide came in. Vacuum tankers were

The judge asked whether this was an accepted consequence of pumping? - "No, had we expected that to

Athlete 'a brazen adulteress', wife says

javelin champion, was yester- had and she knew she had. She day described as a brazen saw what she wanted and took "adulteress" in the High Court it. She didn't think of the by the wife of her lover, Mr consequences. Derrick Evans, the bodybuilder and fitness instructor.

On the fourth day of the athlete's libel action against the Sunday Mirror and The Peo-ple over articles last March Sanderson had denied breaksaying she had stolen Mr Evans from his wife, Mrs Jewel Evans told the court: "I want shoulder to see if our marriage was finished or if her skin was so on fire she wanted it to be over and so believed it." Asked if Miss Sanderson had removed all hope of her she is brazenly living with my

ing up the marriage or stealing her husband, aged 37, who now lives with Miss Sanderto know if she looked over her son at Brondesbury Park, north-west London.

man and she took him."

Mrs Evans replied: "That Tessa Sanderson has no jurisdiction to comment on my marriage. She is an adulteress,

is still there." After apologizing to the

court for what she was about to say, Mrs Evans said: "My "Her skin was on fire for a husband abhors homosexuals and she is so butch, she looks like a man. I just thought she was butch and he wouldn't be Mr George Carman, QC, for interested in someone looking and asked for a divorce. "He like that

> anything else other than to promote his business."

> Mrs Evans continued: "Success is imperative to my husband, he has said to me, 'There is nothing I would not do in relation to business."

he wanted."

November 1988, after a report from a family friend. She had felt bitter on hearing they were lovers and had rung him up said he wanted everything." "I thought she was arrogant When she had objected, he to think he would want her for had slammed the phone

> Mrs Evans said her husband had forged her signature and re-mortgaged the house.

She added: "There were so many missiles coming at me." Mr Evans would arrive home With regard to the gym he saw driving Miss Sanderson's car today.

Miss Tessa Sanderson, the marriage succeeding Mrs Ev- husband and, until a judge Tessa Sanderson as the and wearing her Olympic Tessa Commonwealth ans said: "I considered she grants a divorce, my marriage woman who could give him all shirts. "I heard she was going woman who could give him all shirts. "I heard she was going to Germany for Christmas.

Mrs Evans had first accused but I thought, oh sure, it's lamaica with my husband."

She had been motivated by "many factors" to sell her story. "I felt scorned. I had to get my self-esteem back, I had to stand up, that's why I did it.

"This lady goes to schools. How many children's fathers will she step in and take just because she fancies them? She said her husband had had many affairs. Mirror Group Newspapers

and the journalists Sandra White and Steven Warr deny libel. The hearing continues

Radiation damage 'could last generations'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Damage caused to the genes of Sellafield workers by radiation could be passed on for many generations, increasing the risks of inherited conditions as well as childhood eukaemia, an expert on genetics said

The only way to prevent hereditary problems spreading into the general population would be to have a nuclear industry workforce composed mostly of women beyond child-bearing years. Dr John Spearing, former head of the

The director of health and safety at the Cumbrian nuclear plant, Dr Roger Berry, said on Wednesday that men working there who fear their children may develop leukaemia might be best advised not to have a family. British Nuclear Fuels, operators of the plant, said it was not the company's policy to offer such advice, but for each worker to reach his own decision.

Dr Spearing, who is now retired, said he gave warning of the risks of genetic damage to offspring when he never considered the possibility. I put gave evidence at a public inquiry in it forward 12 years ago." He endorsed

"My warnings were ignored by the inquiry, probably because they were too alarming." he said at his home near Keswick, Cumbria, yesterday. The report last week by Professor

Martin Gardner of Southampton University showing an increased risk of leukaemia among children whose fathers worked at Sellafield was "extremely sensible", Dr Spearing said. "I am just appalled that some people in the industry are saying they

department of biological sciences at 1977 into radiation hazards at Professor Gardner's suggestion that the City of London Polytechnic, said. Sellafield, then known as Windscale. radiation may have caused a mutation in the sperm of men working

An editorial in today's issue of The

Lancet says there would be "enormous implications" for research into radiation and leukaemia if Professor Gardner's theory of radiation damage to human sperm was proved correct. But it points out that data from the Japanese families who survived the atomic bombines are in conflict with the findings. "The children of fathers exposed to a single high dose in 1945 do not seem to have been at risk."

Finance chief denies lying to save his own skin

Consultant 'hated' cut and thrust of takeover

By Paul Wilkipson and Angela Mackay

The main prosecution witness in the Guinness Affair trial was yesterday accused of "lying to save his own skin". Mr Olivier Roux, Guin-

ness's former finance director, has been granted immunity from prosecution in return for giving evidence against the or defendants. Under cross-examination

during day five of the hearing at Southwark Crown Court Mr Roux denied repeated defence suggestions that he had made his allegations against Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, to divert attention from his own role in an alleged illegal share support operation during the company's takeover of Distillers in 1986. Mr Saunders and three oth-

ers are accused of illegally boosting his company's share price to win the takeover battle with the Argyll super-

Mr Saunders; Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker; Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron International group; and the financier Sir Jack Lyons deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, counsel for Mr Saunders, opened his cross-examination by asking Mr Roux if it was his understanding the prosecution had decided not to bring charges against him.

Mr Roux replied that he had believed that was the case since July 1987.

Asked if he had sought an assurance that he would not be prosecuted, Mr Roux replied that his solicitor had asked on what basis the prosecution were seeking statements. Mr Ferguson: "If the

prosecution had not granted you immunity would you ever have given these statements?" Mr Roux: "I cannot

Mr Roux admitted that he was concerned when the Department of Trade and Industry began investigating

He agreed that his signature appeared on all the paperwork relating to payments of alleged illegal success fees to people involved in the share support operation. None bore Mr Saunders's signature or ini-

Mr Saunders had approved matters to the lawyers, to the

Mr Roux admitted that he knew the reasons for the payments as set out on the paperwork were in most cases false and misleading, and Mr Ferguson suggested that he had became worried for his own position when the DTI investigators moved in. "It occurred to you that unless you could offload the blame on someone else you yourself would be to blame."

Mr Roux: "No, those invoices were signed with Mr Saunders' approval."

Mr Ferguson: "I suggest to you that the intention of the concept of Saunders' approval was a means you seized upon

6 The finances were run by Saunders and several others - we are not running the Sock Shop here 9

to divert attention and blame away from yourself."
Mr Roux: "No, Mr Saun-

ders was the chief executive; I was an agent of the company." Mr Ferguson: "By blaming" Saunders, that was your means of escaping. It was the simplest thing in the world to say Mr Saunders approved the

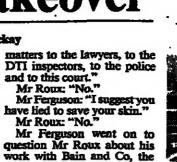
Mr Roux: "No, it was impossible for me to sign the invoices without Mr Saunders's approval."

Mr Ferguson suggested that Mr Roux had put into effect a two-phased plan to divert attention from himself. "Phase one was to try to shed the blame on to Mr Saunders by alleging that he had approved the payments. Phase two was to make sure that while you were blaming Saunders no proceedings would be brought against

Mr Roux: "No, obviously not. You must know that I could not go ahead and sign those documents off my own bat when I had no executive power in the company." Mr Ferguson: "I suggest that

you are lying when you tell this court that Mr Saunders approved any documents." Mr Roux: "I refute that categorically.*

Mr Ferguson: "I suggest that



personal investment of \$30,000 in a Bain subsidiary which made investments from a \$36 million fund, and thought it would yield between seven and eight times

Guinness before the 1986

He agreed he had made a

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and to this court.

takeover.

Mr Roux: "No."

the original outlay. But he denied it was a perk of his job, saying it was a personal investment, just as anyone else might choose to put money in a building

He denied that his salary with Bain had been £600,000. "At the absolute peak in 1986 it was \$650,000," Mr Roux said, considerably more than Mr Saunders's salary, which had been around £350,000 that year.

Mr Roux agreed that Guinness was Bain's second largest client and by far its est European customer. Thirty full-time staff had been employed on the Guinness account and fees for advice had ranged between £1 million and £1.5 million a month.

When Bain took on the consultancy in 1981, it found Guinness had no machinery for handling management information. Mr Ferguson said the company was managed by a board of Anglo-Irish aristocrats and enthusiastic amateurs and was sinking rapidly. Mr Roux agreed that it had a very inefficient data bank and that Bain had

Ernest Saunders, aged 54, of Putney, south-

west London, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, faces two charges of

ouspiring to contravene the Prevention of

Fraud (Investments) Act; two charges of

authorizing or permitting Guinness to contra-

vene the Companies Act; eight charges of false

accounting two charges of theft and one

charge of destroying company documents. Gerald Rouson, 50, of Hampstead, north-west London, head of the Heron International

group, faces one charge of conspiring to contravene the prevention of Franc (Invest-



Mr Olivier Roux, the key prosecution witness, by the Thames during a break in proceedings at Southwark Crown Court. which Mr Roux replied; understand. Mr Roux said he

aggested it needed a controller - the post to which Mr Saunders appointed Mr Roux. Mr Roux said his job had been to assess and improve the performance of the group's member companies, and dur-

ing his years at Guinness had arnt a lot about the company's financial workings; but he said he was not interested in being a finance director, even though he later took on that responsibility. Mr Roux said he had

authority to sign Guinness company cheques from December 1985, but always went to Mr Saunders for approval, a statement Mr Ferguson sug-gested was "a complete lie". Mr Ferguson said Mr Roux was responsible for the company's financial management, while Mr Saunders was

more interested in public relations and marketing. He went on to suggest that Mr Saunders had a "very poor

"With respect, that is rub-bish." Mr Saunders was the when Guinness decided not to chief executive and the chairman and was running the

Mr Roux denied that he spent most of his time on financial aspects while Mr Saunders concentrated on public relations.

"But between you and Mr Saunders, you were the one who concentrated on finances?" Mr Ferguson asked. "It was run by Saunders and

several others - we are not running the Sock Shop here." The Guinness financial team comprised about four people and Price Waterhouse. Mr financial whizz-kid, even though he was made a nonexecutive director of Guinness in 1984 at the age of 33.

Mr Ferguson asked Mr Roux whether there were any financial aspects of the comgrasp of financial matters", to pany that Mr Saunders did not

ess to contravene the Companies Act;

two of false accounting and one of theft.

Anthony Parnes, 44, of London, a stock-broker, faces five charges of false accounting and two charges of theft.

Sir Jack Lyons, 74, of Kensington, west Loudon, financier, faces one charge of conspiring to contravene the Prevention of

Frand (Investments) Act; one charge of

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THE CHARGES

part of a contested bid".

when Guinness decided not to lift its bid for Distillers a second time because an increased offer would have diluted shareholders' funds. Mr Roux said Mr Saunders either failed to grasp or chose not to grasp that concept.

Mr Roux went on to agree that he was friendly with Sir Jack Lyons, a fellow Bain employee, whom he saw both in business and socially.

Mr Roux said that during the bid to Distillers, Sir Jack was involved with political lobbying. He had introduced Mr Parnes to Mr Saunders and either Sir Jack or Mr Parnes had introduced Mr Ronson to Mr Saunders. ing they had been handled

Mr Roux said he came to know Mr Parnes during Guinness's bid for the whisky distillers Arthur Bell in 1984, and that be sought to "pick his brain" as an expert in takeover tactics. Mr Parnes had used Burton's bid for Debenhams as an example of how a takeover was run. Indeed, Bain and Co had studied Debenhams as a prospect for Guinness, but Mr Saunders decided against an offer even though Sir Jack thought it would be a good

The witness agreed that Mr Parnes had made him realize that market tactics - including buying shares in the target company or in a rival company as a blocking strategy -

He also agreed that Mr Parnes had told him it was an

informal practice that supporters for a bid should have their losses covered, but there was the risk of being reprimanded by the takeover panel if the supporters' dealings were not revealed.

Mr Roux said Mr Parnes became an important source in whom he had a lot of confidence and agreed that he also became his friend. Mr Ferguson moved on to

ask Mr Roux about his involvement in the Bell takeover in 1985. "I suggest to you that you managed both the legal and the financial side of the bid," he said. Mr Roux denied that, say-

respectively by Guinness's

solicitors and its merchant bank. "In fact the bid was extremely well-managed in all areas by Mr Saunders." He also rejected suggestions that he enjoyed the "cut and thrust" of the takeover battle.

"I developed an absolute dis-Mr Ferguson: "I put it to you that you enjoyed the battle and the contest."

Mr Roux: "I hated it." Mr Roux denied that he had commended a fee for Mr Parnes for his assistance to Guinness during the Bell takeover. The idea had been proposed by Sir Jack and approved by Mr Saunders.

taken firm control of the financial side of the busine and told Mr Saunders that he need not be concerned with

"That is most certainly not the case, if I had done so he would have sacked me." He had held regular meetings to brief Mr Saunders on financial

Mr Roux also denied that he had approached Guinness's brokers to suggest they should become involved during Argyll's initial bid for Distillers in 1986. He said he had spoken to them, but only on Mr Saunders' instructions.

Mr Ferguson said: "Are you suggesting you are some form of messenger boy for Mr

Mr Roux: "No, I am saying I could do nothing without the chief executive's approval." Mr Ferguson put it to Mr Roux that he was Guinness's lead manager in the bid for Distillers and that he was the person who took most of the decisions in the implementation of the bid. Mr Roux said that most of the decisions made after the decision to bid were taken by the full board.

He kept in close contact with stockbrokers monitoring Guinness's share price and the volume of trade. There were regular meetings attended by Mr Saunders to discuss these

When asked if he was keen for Guinness to win the bid, Mr Roux replied: "It was a scary prospect to lose." It would have cost the company a lot in money and prestige, but it would not have affected

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Mr Roux agreed with Mr Ferguson that at a meeting on February 19, 1986, he and Mr Saunders were not prepared to carry on with the bid once it had been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers He said that Mr Seelig and

Mr Walsh from Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's merchant banking advisers, said that "the window of decision was there and then". The merchant bankers were confident they could find the finance for a fresh offer.

Mr Roux said the meeting went on for several hours. It was attended not only by Mr. Seelig and Mr Walsh, but also by Mr Christopher Reeves from Morgan Grenfell, Mr Anthony Saltz from the legal firm Freshfields, Mr Thomas Ward and others at various times. Mr Saunders reluctantly agreed to the final Mr Roux also rejected Mr decision to make a fresh bid.

Charter sets out rights

Needs of crime victims to be heard

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Moves to ensure that families murderers have ended up court which besmirch a vic-of murder victims are con-living close to relatives of their tim's character. might seem or that the victim in some way provoked it sulted about the timing of a killer's release and whether restrictions should be placed on where he lives or works were unveiled yesterday in a killer in the street. government promulgated

victim's charter". The charter, setting out what the Home Office described as the "rights and entitlements" of crime victims, exhorts all the criminal justice system's various agencies to pay greater attention to the needs of those directly harmed by crime.

As the charter was pub-lished the Home Office announced that it would be immediately providing the funds for 60 more staff at the Criminal Injuries Compensa-tion Board, where a backlog of almost 100,000 claims has been caused largely by manpower shortages.

The board was recently criticized for inefficiency by the Commons select committee on home affairs.

One of the most striking rights established by the charter, published on European Victims' Day, entitles the relatives of murder victims to be consulted by probation officers before killers are freed on life licence.

The clause was framed after a series of incidents where

victims. In a number of cases the first the relatives have known of the release is when they have bumped into the

the charter lay a duty on police important stages in a case, require the Crown Prosecution Service to ensure that full details of injuries or losses have been gained before trial and advise prosecutors to

Mrs Gill Palm's first sighting of the youth who

flowers on his grave to mark what would have

been his nineteenth birthday. She freely

"We had just driven out of the cemetery when I saw him sauntering across the road with a personal stereo on, apparently without a care in the world. I just drove straight at him," Mrs Pahn, aged 42, from Waltham Abbey, Essex, said yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes).

The youth, sentenced to five years' youth castody after admitting manslaughter at the Central Criminal Court in December 1986, had

She said: "I jumped out of the car, tore off his headphoues and shouted at him: 'Do you realize it was Robert's birthday today?' But he

just shrugged his shoulders and said, 'so

admits her first instinct was to attack him.

Other important clauses in to keep victims informed of all

The last point may cause some concern among bar-risters, many of whom feel it is not their job to represent the often left not knowing previctim's interest specifically. However, the charter, de-

signed to complement a Home Office White Paper on criminal justice reform published earlier this month, says victims can "often feel ag-grieved" when defence lawyers, in making pleas of mitigation, suggest that the

Office charter.

days before the court case.

With courts not usually obliged to comment on such defence pleas, victims are cisely which version of events has been accepted, the document says.

It concludes: "A prosecutor must be ready to intervene when necessary to correct any misleading speech in mitigation, particularly where atthe character of the victim."

correct statements made in offence is not as serious as it The Home Office says Mother's revenge instinct

of the pressure group, Parents of Murdered Children, also has painful firsthand experience

of another problem highlighted in the Home

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the case investigated by MPs and journalists, "It's only when I joined the local victim support group that I began to realize that mine

was not an isolated case," she recalls.

but suggests a decision not to press charges can increase the pain already suffered by victims and robs them of the chance of compensation. In other situations, though, the police and the Crown

cautioning can be an effective way of dealing with offenders

Prosecution Service should

note any apology the offender

makes to the victim or spontaneous reparation before deciding on whether to charge. The charter also recommends the police should: · Respond to complaints of crime promptly and

courteously;

Give victims the name, station, and telephone num-ber of police officers dealing with cases; and

 Make readily available the Home Office leaflet, Victims of Crime, which includes advice on how to claim compensation. Supporters of the char-She claims her son's killer, Simon Lundie, ity, Victim Support, are urged then 17, was first charged with murder but that to develop specialist skills to deal with those affected by the most serious crimes such as Her anger increased when she failed to get rape and murder.

Launching the document, Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said the criminal justice system rightly paid much attention to offenders. But "of greatest" Her son died after apparently having had an argument with Lundie outside a public house.

Lundie was said by the prosecution to have concern were the problems been repeatedly bullied by his victim, an and suffering of crime victims. Leading article, page 13 UK maternity pay worst in EC, Meacher claims

Community, Mr Michael Meacher, the Labour spokesman on social security, said yesterday. In addition, the amount

paid in benefits to mothers and their rights to claim had been cut by the Government in recent years, Mr Meacher "The British system makes

it harder for women to claim and it then pays them less," he

A survey of the 12 EC countries showed that British women receiving the full statutory maternity pay got only a third of the amount paid in Italy and half that paid in six other countries.

While British mothers are paid an average £1,377.60 in maternity benefits, Italian mothers get £4,152.80. Women in this country who

have worked for less than two years with the same employer, and so do not qualify for full maternity pay, receive only £563.40 through maternity allowance, less than a third of the benefits paid in Ireland. Mr Meacher's figures

showed that some countries -Germany, Holland, Greece and Portugal - paid the full salary for the whole period of maternity leave. In Britain,

Maternity pay in Britain is significantly lower than in any other country in the European cent of salary but only for six pregnant. weeks against an average of 13. In Denmark, housewives can claim maternity pay and in Greece a hump sum is paid to women who have late abortions or miscarriages.

While other European countries were progressing, Britain was moving backwards, Mr Meacher said. In 1987 the Government restricted the universal materpity grant to those on low incomes, while cutting the single payment system, saving £17.7 million.

In the same year 75,000 women lost entitlement under the new benefit in the first year, saving a further £13 nillion. Subsequent changes in employment law had made



stay on at work after they start a family." Mrs Thatcher's declared support for the family was a "sick joke" when one considered the freezing of child benefit, the poil tax effect of splitting up families, and her rejection of an EC directive on parental leave.

These facts and figures

should shame even this Gov-ernment," Mr Meacher said.

Never has the need been

greater to encourage women to

Mr Norman Fowler, the former Secretary of State for Employment, who was calling for tax relief on work-place nurseries. "Yet as employment secretary for over two years he systematically reduced the rights of women at work and did nothing to provide sup-port for working mothers." Government research has severely underestimated the true cost of disablement, it

Mr Meacher also criticized

was claimed yesterday.
The Disablement Income Group said the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys had calculated that very severely disabled people only needed £11.70 a week for extra expenses, but its own survey. showed that they needed

Actor sells a bronze menagerie

The French film star Alain Delon expects to raise up to £3.5 million at Sotheby's in London on April 4 by selling his collection of 35 sculptures of animals by the Italian artist

The menagerie in bronze includes panthers, stags and elephants, for which individual estimates range from £12,000 to £300,000. It is considered the finest such collection in private hands.

The younger son of Carlo Bugatti, the furniture deof motor design fame, Rembrandt Bugatti would spend delight in London yesterday preying mantis sold for writer inside, sold for £7,700.

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

been freed a few days earlier.

days stalking his subjects while observing their every characteristic, and then sud-denly springing to work. He died tragically, aged 30, in

the couple who owned it when unsold percentage only 6.1. they dropped in at Sotheby's The record for the French signer, and brother of Ettore, to be told it was worth sculptor Germaine Richier thor to Stephen Spender, and

British record. One of only of £25,000 to £35,000. three platinum moonphase calendar wristwatches made by Patek Philippe, in 1935, it was bought by a Far Eastern

were dispelled by the Sotheby's total of £3.85 million for A wristwatch which amazed around 400 works, with the

Lucio Fontana's "Concetto Spaziale", the canvas slashed six times, fetched £231,000, doubling its estimate. Chris-tie's had similar success with collector. The world record tie's had similar success with was £330,000 for another their contemporary art sale, at Patek Philippe last year.

Any thoughts of a slump in prices of contemporary art prices of contemporary art were discelled by the Sothe-figure of the state of th

At Bloomsbury Book Auc-

tions a presentation copy of W

H Auden's first book of

poems, inscribed by the au-

By Kerry Gill The favourite tipple of King Akhenaten,

his son Tutankhamun, and Queen Nefertiti, is to be recreated by a team of archaeologists and brewers after the excavation of a 3,000-year-old brewery in the ancient Egyptian capital of Tell El Amarna, it was announced yesterday. The royal brewery of Tutankhamun is believed to hold the secrets of the Pharaohs' beer-making process. An ex-pedition, led by Mr Barry Kemp, of

> by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries and the Egypt Exploration Society. Archaeologists will excavate the ruins and then field and laboratory experiments will be conducted in an attempt to

Cambridge University, is to be mounted

Help in identifying the ancient Egyptians' brewing methods will be provided

the Egypt Gallery of the Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh. Scottish and

built on a diet of bread and beer with breweries and bakeries operating together. The ancient Egyptians baked a kind of bread first and then used it as a mash from which to brew the beer."

Brewers seek the Pharaohs' secret

by hieroglyphics, tomb models, paintings and classical writings. The three-year project was launched in Newcastle offered its services after research work by Mr Kemp, the Egypt Exploration Society's field director, could not be carried any further without brewing expertise and technical back-up.

Mr Kemp said: "The pyramids were

Ms Delwen Samuel, an archaeo-

botanist, has already carried out prelimi-nary research on baking bread. She is now in Turkey gathering information on the ancient wheat she has identified as a raw material in Egyptian bread and beer manufacture.

She will work with Ms Rosemary Mann, manager of Scottish and Newcastle's Pilot Brewery, and Dr Ian Forrest, development brewer for the company. They will set up experimental brewing both at their laboratory and in the field and investigate the effects of additives such as palm dates or olives.

Mr Jim Merrington, the project co-ordinator, said: "We will use 20th-century technology, which can even identify flavours, to come up with a recipe. Then we will try to brew it."

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attoirs may die painful deaths consciousness. because they are not fully stunned before slaughter, according to a survey carried out for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

The survey, to be published shortly, found that 6.6 per cent of animals "showed evidence of being less than fully effectively stunned". In young bulls the incidence of poor stunning rose to 53 per cent.

Mr Alastair Mews, the RSPCA's assistant chief veterinary officer, said: "The findings vindicate our longstanding concern about the inadequacy of stunning methods and the extra distress they cause to animals."

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The RSPCA commissioned the report from the govern-ment-funded Institute of Food Research at Langford, near Bristol, which examined the THE SECOND SECOND use of the captive bolt pistol ideally, method of stunning on 1,944 restraint. animals in 27 abattoirs.

With that technique, the pistol is held against the British Meat Processors, forehead of the animal and a which represents most of Britblank cartridge is detonated to force a bolt out of the gun and

Many animals in British ab- the pistol causes instant loss of of no previous criticism by

matter urgently".

Animal Welfare Council.

the treatment of animals.

some very minor modifica-

Dr Clyde Daly, who conducted the survey, said: "The two main problems we found were inaccurately aimed shots of Food Research come at an and inadequately powered pistols. In a significant number of Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-cases, we found that animals' eries and Food which yes-nervous systems still re- terday held a reception at the sponded to the stimuli of light flashes after stunning, indicating they were not totally insensible."

The survey found that in 8 per cent of the animals examined, the pistol had been mendations - some of which placed more than 5cm from the ideal position. Fifteen per cent of abanoirs used cartridges of lower strength than that recommended by the manufacturers for large cartle.

Immediate steps must be taken, the report says, to improve the accuracy of shooting either by better design of the stunning pens or, ideally, by use of head

council, said yesterday. Mr Anthony Gordon, chair-• The Farm Animal Welfare man of the Association of Council urged the Government to fund research into the feasibility of gassing poultry ain's big abattoir owners, said: "We are surprised and worhumane alternative to shackinto its brain. Correctly used, ried by this report. We know ling and electrical stunning.

Thatcher and Kinnock in harmony

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Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, and, right, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, among MPs, peers and Westminster staff at St Margaret's church, the parish church of Parliament, singing at a recording of Songs of Praise, which will be shown on BBC1 on Sunday at 6.40.

British threat to sue Bonn over partial beef ban

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

dispute with West Germany over the safety of British beef and might take legal action against the Bonn Govern-ment, it has been disclosed.

the bone until scientists have year proved there is no health threat to humans from the "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), according to Mr Rich-ard Peters, agriculture com-Embassy in London.

West Germany originally declared it would not accept beef from Britain unless it was stipulating that it came from herds free of BSE. Britain refused to provide such certificates arguing that the mea-

ensured that all beef was safe. These measures include the compulsory slaughter and des-truction of cattle suspected of having BSE and the removal from all cattle carcasses of offal thought to harbour the BSE agent — brain, spinal cord, thymus, spleen, tonsils and intestines.



Britzin has still not settled its position and said it would accept imports of British beef off the bone. This means that about 25 per cent of the total beef trade with West Germany ment, it has been disclosed.

Bonn will not lift its ban on the import of British beef on Britain of about £3.5 million a

"We have made clear we cannot go further at the moment as long as we have no proof whether this BSE virus will affect humans or not. We and Peters, agriculture coun-sellor at the West German Embassy in London. say if there is a possibility that the BSE virus spreads to humans then it is via the "bridge" of the bone and the lymph nodes," Mr Peters said. Mr John Gummer, the Minaccompanied by certificates ister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said: "As the West Germans well know, Brussels has stated clearly that there is no scientific evidence to supalready moved a long way from their starting position.

"We are pursuing discussions with Bonn and the European Commission. We think this is a more sensible approach than going to court straight away, which might not produce a verdict for two years. However, we will take legal action if the West Ger-mans refuse to lift their restrictions."

A separate ban on the export of all live cattle more than six months old from Britain to other EC countries is due to come into effect on March ! because of BSE.

So far, the BSE scare appears to have had no measurable impact on British beef and veal exports, which last year broke all records, increasing by 16 per cent in volume (from 120,300 tonnes in 1988 to 139,600 tonnes) and by 22 per cent in value (from £251.2 million in 1988 to £307.2

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.The Escort L and Orion L._

A mother strangled her four children while they slept, taking a rest between each killing, an Essex inquest was told yesterday. Police Inspector Stephen Reynolds said he believed Mrs Oi Tai Ngai, aged 32, of Basildon, Essex, was mentally ill. The children, aged between four months and five years, were found by their father last Friday night when he returned home

Inquest on four children

from work in a Chinese restaurant.

A post-mortem examination found that the children died from asphyxia. Mr Reynolds said: "When interviewed, Mrs Ngai admitted the offences." Her husband did not attend the inquest, which was opened and adjourned.

Miner dies

One miner was killed an another injured when they were hit by a runaway tram yesterday at the Tower Colliery, Hirwaun, Mid Glamorgan.

Listeria check

An analysis in West Yorkshire of more than 3,500 food samples found that 11.7 per cent contained listeria species. Some 20 per cent of samples of meat and meat products were affected.

Fatal crash

Mr Graham Smith, a motorcycle enthusiast, of A 3ft high granite cross, Cirencester, Gloucesterhire, was killed when his vehicle hit another being ridden by his wife, Jane, at Nantgaredig, West Wales.

Hoax charge

Mr John Pryse-Jones, aged 59, of Hunstanton, Norfolk. was yesterday committed for trial charged with sending a hoax letter bomb to the Queen at Sandringham in January.

PC is 'safe'

PC Raymond Powala, aged 40, who disappeared while on duty in Amblecote, West Midlands on Monday, has telephoned his wife to say he is safe.

180mph rider

Christopher Page, aged 20 was yesterday sentenced to 28 days' youth custody for speeding at 180mph on his motor-cycle on the M6 in Staffordshire. Page, of Alsager, Cheshire, was also banned from driving for two years.

Cross stolen

weighing a quarter of a ton, has been stolen from Lanlivery, near Lostwithiel, Cornwall. It is the latest in a spate of thefts of wayside monuments from the area.

Newt tunnel

A transel is to be built under the All Wymondham to Besthorpe by-pass in Norfolk so a rare species of newt can reach its breeding ground.

law and order as mass protest nears

leadership yesterday issued a strongly worded appeal to the people of the Soviet Union to protect law and order and rebuff anyone trying to in-stigate conflict and instability. Although it made no men-

tion of the nationwide demonstrations planned for Sunday, the appeal clearly reflected official concern that reflected official concern that suggesting that the target of the authorities might not be Sunday's demonstration able to keep the situation under control.

The appeal was published two days after the Supreme Soviet had approved a document calling on all local authorities to do their utmost to preserve order and act against unsanctioned protests. It also came only hours after the disclosure that two public prosecutors, who have gained the status of national heroes for their stand against official corruption, had been expelled from the Communist Party a decision calculated to raise already inflamed passions.

Sunday's demonstrations were originally planned to support democracy and peres-troika as the election campaign for republic and local government approaches its climax. Such is popular discontent against the local and national government and the party apparatus, however, that officials fear the sort of unstoppable popular protest that engulfed East Europe.

The first mass demonstration, which took place in Moscow on February 4, began as a march in support of erestroika and faster reform, but ended up attacking the party and government apparatus. It attracted a crowd of about 300,000 and had to be allowed into the vast Manezh Square adjoining the Kremlin walls. Even more people are expected to turn out on

Late on Wednesday, the party and government authorities in Moscow agreed that could go ahead, but they banned it from Manezh

The Soviet Communist Party capital - a decision which was in the criminal investigation yesterday attacked by mem-bers of the radical Interregional Group of parlia-mentarians to which the organizers belong. They fear, that the marchers will try to

get into Manezh Square, with or without official permission. Rumours have circulated in could be the Kremlin itself, the notorious Lubyanka prison, or the Communist Party Central Committee

building, and the chief of Moscow police yesterday called on Muscovites to show On February 4 the Kremlin and Red Square were bar

Kirgiz decree Franze, Kirgizia - Authorities in this Soviet Central Asian republic banned the spreading of rumours and slander yesdisorder is advance of local

elections on Sunday (Renter reports). Mr Mikhail Vasilenko, of the Kirgiz Com-munist Party's ruling Polit-buro, said that a decree had been issued following several stormy unsanctioned

ricaded, with lines of buses and trucks, and militia threedeep, but the crowds made no attempt to force their way

Three weeks later, the situa-tion could be quite different. The two sites offered by the Moscow authorities for the demonstration, the Luzhniki sports stadium and Smolensky Square, are neither as big nor as central as Manezh

Communist Party of the two prosecutors, Mr Telman Gdiyan and Mr Nikolai Sunday's demonstration Ivanov, adds another explosive element to the atmosphere in the capital. The

and subsequent conviction of Yuri Churbanov, for corruption just over a year ago. Mr Churbanov was im-

plicated in a colossal corrup-Asia which allowed officials in the cotton-growing regions of production figures in return for gifts of money, jewellery and antiques. Hundreds of Uzbek officials were investigated and dozens imprisoned. As long as the prosecutors were usefully employed dis-

gracing a scion of the Brezhnev clan in Mr Gorbachov's first years as leader, they were given every assistance by Moscow. Their mistake, which they freely admit, was to believe that their remit extended beyond the Brezhnev family and Uzbekistan into contemporary corruption among existing party and government leaders.

One accusation, in particular, is thought to be responsible for their current mis-fortunes. They accused Mr Yegor Ligachov of taking bribes to turn a blind eve to corruption elsewhere. Mr Ligachov was absolved by a special commission of the party Central Committee, and the party's wrath was directed against those who had initiated the charges - both were dismissed from their jobs and

now from the party. Mr Gdlyan maintains that his expulsion from the party is illegal and refuses to acknowledge it, but he sees it as a predictable prelude to being formally charged. A move to deprive both Mr Gdlyan and Mr Ivanov of the legal immunity they enjoy as Congress deputies is already in train. They can then be arrested.

Some members of reformist groups in Moscow see an ulterior motive in the timing of the Gdlyan-Ivanov expulsions, regarding them as an attempt to foment unrest and even violence during Sunday's demonstration. Others see it

The two countries have

Moscow pleads for Genscher gloom at undiplomatic cut in ties



Britain stages retreat on field exercises

Britain yesterday bowed to pressure from West German environmentalists, farmers and citizens' action groups by more than halving the size of its only two major field exercises planned in West Germany this year.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Defence Minister, quickly thanked Britain for reducing the train-ing programmes and so helping the population and the

The first of the two planned exercises, "Keystone", was originally to involve 18,000 men in the Eifel region from September 1 to 25. Now only 9,000 will be involved. The second, "Quarter Fi-

nal" exercise will be cut back even more significantly. Instead of 29,000 men being deployed round most of Hannover between October 8 and 26, there will now be just 13,000 to the north and the east, and no more than 8,000 will exercise at any one time. General Sir Peter Inge, Commander in Chief Rhine

Army, admitted there were "penalties" to reducing the size of the exercises. At the same time, manouevres involving forces up small brigade strength were less boring for the soldiers and good for moral, while the officers were able to train on computer battlefield simulators. "You have to balance

Sir Peter would not be drawn on the British Army's long-term future in West Germany - that was a matter for negotiation at arms talks which had yet to begin, he said. Reductions in the exercises had been agreed "autonomously" from events

the pressures," he said.

in the East, he added. Sir Christopher Mallaby,

parties, who want a united the United States Arms Conthe British ambassador in Bonn, believes that German membership of Nato will survive reunification. "We do still need Nato and need to

remain in numbers," he said. As far as the reduction in the size of the exercises was concerned, this was in line with German concerns about the social and environmental impact, he said.

Meanwhile, Admiral Theodor Hoffman, the East German Defence Minister, in response to the pressures of the political changes sweeping Eastern Europe, yesterday proposed a new combined German army.

The admiral, who took over the defence ministry inNovember, is not likely to survive in office after the elections on March 18. However, his ideas do not seem to contradict the thinking of the who argue that the country should be at the heart of a new European security zone. He said yesterday that he

expects his ten-point plan for creating a new defence policy to be discussed both by the Warsaw Pact countries and by the West German govern-200,000 and 150,000 lightlyarmed men - compared with the present 178,000 in the East German forces and 495,000 in

For the immediate future he expected both armies to remain in their different alliances, with American troops on West German territory and Soviet troops on East German territory - "even if these are only symbolic".

the Bundeswehr.

● Nato presence: Mr Ronmajor East German political ald Lehman, the director of requirement for Nato".

Germany to be neutral and trol and Disarmament Agency, yesterday reaffirmed that Nato would remain a strong alliance with a military presence in Europe even if the Warsaw Pact were to

"Clearly we have to rec-ognize that even if the Soviet Union were to completely withdraw from the territory of the non-Soviet members of the Warsaw Pact, the Soviet Union will remain the dominant military power in Europe. That will require a strong Nato," he said. "As long as it (the Soviet Union) is there, you are going to have to have a strong alliance and a strong military presence."

He rejected suggestions that Nato might become obsolete. Even if the Warsaw Pact were to disappear, "that does not change the fundamental

From A Correspondent, Bad Liebenwergs, East Germany For 30 years, Herr Dieter Hofmann spied on his neighbor security force that terrorized crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben detail about the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to talk about the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben to the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben that the future or go into crush dissent, to ensure that in recent months. Bad Lieben that the future or go into crush dissent.

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Eight British MPs and members of the European Parliament are to fly to Moscow today to assess whether the Soviet Union has improved its human rights performance sufficiently to justify the UK's attendance at an international rights conference to be held there in 1991.

The Government declared 13 months ago that it would be prepared to attend if Moscow met a number of conditions. The situation in the Soviet Union has since changed greatly, but Mrs Thatcher made it clear in a speech last Sunday that Britain bad not dropped its conditions.

The MPs and MEPs, drawn from the main parties, will be accompanied by representatives of the Student and Academic Campaign for Sov-

from the conference. The statement was published in the Times Higher Education

portant steps both to meet the conditions and to end a dispute with Britain on other aspects of human rights. Mr Anatoli Adamishin, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister dealing with human rights, has assured Britain that changes in legislation to guarantee all the main aspects of human rights

Moscow has not yet met Britain's condition that there should be no remaining longterm "refuseniks" who have been denied permission to emigrate, but appears to be making progress towards it.

academics arging the Govern- with refuseniks, most of ment to withold its support whom have been denied permission on the ground that they had had access to secrets.

Supplement last month.
But Moscow has taken imreached an agreement to remove an obstacle to better ties on human rights which arose last year. This was Moscow's refusal to grant a visa to the Rev Michael Bourdeaux, the general director of Keston College, Kent, who was to have taken part with other British experts in government-to-government talks last summer. Britain reacted by will be passed soon. cancelling the talks.

The compromise agreed is that Mr Bourdeaux will be invited to the Soviet Union at Easter. Provided the Soviet authorities give him a visa, this will lead to exchanges between British and Soviet iet Jews, which recently or-ganized a statement by 450 hold meetings this weekend to discuss human rights. parliamentarians and others

British MPs to weigh up Stasi commander slips from potentate to pariah

Hofmann spied on his neigh-bours. He ordered them followed, bugged their telephones and sent many to

Until three months ago, he was the most powerful - and the most feared and despised - man in Bad Liebenwerda, a town of 6,000, about 80 miles south of Berlin.

Now, no less loathed but no longer feared, the former district chief of the dreaded state security organization is out of a job. Like more than 100,000 former agents of the Stasi secret police, he has been sacked since the Stalinist regime of Herr Erich Honecker's was overthrown in October last year.

Top-ranking Stasi officers in East Berlin have been jailed and face criminal charges, their once all-powerful Ministry for Internal Security disbanded.

East Germans for 40 years. "You have to remember that, according to the laws then, these people were enemies of the state," he says, referring to those who dared

criticize the former hardline communist leadership and those who took to the streets just months ago to win East Germany's peaceful prodemocracy revolution.

He makes no apologies. "Our orders were carried out in accordance with the law then and we conducted ourselves in strict adherence to the regulations."

Herr Reinholf Fürstenwalder has not forgotten what it meant to be on the receiving end of Herr Hofmann's law

"This creature had absolute say over jobs, permits to travel and permission to emigrate. He gave the orders for surveil-Today Herr Hofmann is lance, interrogations and ar- justice. Angry protesters have efensive when he talks about rests." One of the Stasi's most stormed Stasi headquarters in defensive when he talks about rests." One of the Stasi's most

their own hands if there was not a

rapid clampdown against anti-govern-

Just as the workers have been

prepared to turn out for the Front, few

doubt that they will do the same at the ballot box, making the ad hoc mixture

of old Communists, military men and

a dwindling number of intellectuals

So far the workers' enthusiasm has

odds-on fayourite to win the poll.

ment demonstrations.

the absolute power of the werda's anti-Stasi protests reruling party was neither challenged nor maligned. Herr Fürstenwälder said he

during the demonstrations last October that finally toppled Buchenwald - Thousands

died when the Nazi concentration camp here was used as a prison by the Soviet authorities from 1945 to 1950 (AFP reports). The camp's history has emerged in the wake of the communist regime's fall.

the old government, "Hofmann should be picking berries on a prison farm." he says. His mood is shared by tens of thousands of East Germans who continue to take to the streets to denounce the communists and demand that those responsible for decades of oppression be brought to

mained peaceful.

The town's demonstrators ridiculed it in rhythmically was detained and beaten up chanted slogans, and placed candles on the building's perimeter fence, as Herr Hofmann and his staff cowered inside, stripped of their

authority. In the now earily empty Stasi headquarters near the town centre, the sacked lieutenant-colonel is packing up what remains of his possessions. The files they compiled meticulously on residents were destroyed in November, he says, "burnt

according to orders". The electronic listening post in the basement has been dismantled. Its sophisticated West German eavesdropping technology, ripped from the walls, lies in heaps of coiled wire on the rubbish-strewn

Herr Hofmann refuses to extremes."

says he has received death threats and that his car has been vandalized. As yet, he

faces no charges. His former deputy, Herr Bodo Gogolin, also a lieutenant-colonel until the peaceful revolution, is less reticent. "I am getting an assembly-line job," he says. He adds that he is glad to be done with the long, stress-filled hours of

working for the Stasi, and to have a job with regular hours. He would like to go west, but fears he would be arrested because of his past. "We are not criminals, you know. We did what we were taught to believe was right to protect the state. I know now it was WYORK,

Herr Gogolin says he would eventually like to try working in a "capitalist" factory. "Why not?" he says with a shrug. "We Germans have always tended towards

Old habits and new in the wake of Romania's revolution

Civil war fears bring tough clampdown Bells and bands herald new

From Christopher Walker Bucharest

"Property of the State. Please keep moving" declared the freshly painted placards which appeared all over Victory Square yesterday, along with scores of extra police equipped with batons and "patriotic guards", burly workers in military uniform determined to prevent anyone from lingering for more than a few seconds.

The clampdown, at the scene of many recent unruly demonstrations in front of the headquarters of the interim Government, was introduced as Romania marked the end of the second month since the Communist dictatorship was toppled, a period which has seen the struggle for democracy degenerate into something approaching civil war between the ruling National Salvation Front and right-wingers who oppose what they say are its Stalinist methods.

"For the moment the Front has won. What can we do against this?" asked a bearded student, a veteran of the December barricades, as he surveyed the buses of military and police reinforcements parked at the square yesterday and 16 armoured personnel-carriers that ringed the building.

The student's fear (he did not want his name mentioned) is matched by that of many intellectuals who maintain that the Front is a totalitarian Government determined to keep Romania on communist lines with none of the economic reforms introduced elsewhere in Eastern Europe. Although a general election is

to find an opposition politician who believes it will be run fairly. All point to the way in which the Front uses its control over state television to drive its propaganda home. Many outsiders trace the change in

the country and the collapse of the early euphoria to the decision of the Front, widely believed to have been assembled with the help of the KGB, to stand in the election which it intends also to supervise. For the two

Dissident returns Bacharest - One of Romania's leading dissidents, Father Gheorghe Calcin-Dumitresse, has returned from exile (A Correspondent writes). He spent more than 21 years in jail before leaving in 1985 and has a reputation as a brilliant theologian and a fierce critic of the Orthodox hierarchy. He said yesterday that the Church had collaborated with communism and should be purged.

main opposition groups - the National Peasant Party and the National Liberal Party - both of which favour the rapid introduction of free enterprise, this has evoked bitter memories of the last open election in 1946 which was rigged by the Communists.

The legacy of Ceausescu's stifling 24 years is such that every Romanian is scarred by it. This has injected a degree of bitterness and hatred into politics that threatens to strangle the democratic experiment. Violence exploded last Sunday with the storming of the Front's headquarters by 500 anti-communists, some of whom were drank

Professor Silviu Brucan, aged 73, the eminence grise behind the Front's election campaign, maintains that the attack was "a turning-point" in the history of the revolution and that the right-wing National Peasant Party had orchestrated the mob violence but gone too far, jolting the nation into a realization of the need to impose order.

The National Peasant Party rejects the charges, countering them with allegations that one of its canvassers in Moldavia was tortured and killed. "See that telephone. It rings every day with death threats from groups

calling themselves 'the Red Brigades' or simple 'Communists'," said Mr Corneliu Copuso, the veteran president of the National Peasant Party, who spent 17 years in prison. As the backlash against the two main anti-government protests has shown, the Front holds sway in the many state enterprises and is able to

summon the workers to its aid. As the independent daily Romania Libera pointed out, the state foots the bill for their demonstrations of sup-port, such as that exercised last Sunday by miners, some of whom travelled 375 miles in special trains laid on by the Front.

The thousands of miners behaved

with commendable discipline when

they arrived hungry and cold in the

capital, but left little doubt that they

would be taking law and order into

been undeterred by the failure of the Front to offer anything but temporary relief from the shortages of basic goods, especially meat.

Yesterday, however, there was an ascemly brawl on Bucharest's unseemly brawl on Bucharest's Magheru Avenue as a van carrying a few crates of scraggy chickens arrived to be met by a queue too long for everyone to be satisfied. "This is just like it was under Ceausescu, it is no better," shouted

one middle-aged woman. In a country where for the first time 40 years people can talk freely, (although most still fear that they cannot), where abortions are now legal, infertility is no longer punished, censorship has been abolished and energy has been redirected to private

nomes instead of being diverted to

loss-making factories, her claim was -like most things in Romania - exaggerated But, as yesterday's Romania Libera showed, there are signs that, after only nine weeks in which freedom slipped effortlessly into anarchy and politicians had to be defended by armoured vehicles, old habits are

era of social freedoms

From Tim Judah, Bucharest

Liberty has brought new sounds to Romania. Lunchtime strollers have been amazed by the sight of three Hare Krishna devotees chant- to come to Romania and it ing for the first time in this meant that Albanians were now the only Europeans never Between 200 and 300 Bu-

charest residents watched in muzzlement as the three devotees gave their best rendition of "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Hare Rama, Hare Rama." What are they?" was the

most common question, although a few onlookers re-acted with hostility. "They are out of order," shouted one man. "How dare they defile a sacred place where people died for our revolution?" said One man said that he

democracy ... then it's OK." Most confused were the police, who were unsure how The three devotees of the Hindu sect were Bhakta Rus-

thought they were capitalists and/or punks. But most on-lookers commented: "If this is

sell, aged 21, from Australia, Arjuna Das, aged 29, from Das, aged 28, a Romanian

time that missionaries from to have seen them. Arjuna Das said: "It was

absolutely impossible to operate here before. Whereas in the Soviet Union many of our followers were persecuted and put in mental asylums, here that never happened because we were never able to get in in Hashu Das said that he and

the other two were an advance guard for more senior mis-sionaries who would be coming later on this year. He was enthusiastic about the reception they had received, especially in the town of Craiova where they had been welcomed by the Mayor and interviewed on radio.

He said that he thought ground for their religion as "there's a great interest in yoga here - and people are also very rich spiritually. Years of West Germany, and Hashu spirits rich - but hidden."

who lives in West Germany. also had one of their first They said this was the first chances to see foreign rock bands. Three groups are here, their movement had been able courtesy of the British Council, for a tour entitled "British Rock for Romania".

The three bands - Skin Games, Crazyhead and Jesus Jones - were given an enthusiastic welcome at their first date in Timisoara where 3,500 people turned up to see them perform in a 2,000-seat theatre. Mr Andrei Partos, of the Romanian tour organization Metronome, mumbled darkly "counterfeit tickets made by local patriots". The crush literally broke down the doors of the theatre. By contrast, the first Bu-

charest concert was not sold out. Five thousand turned up at the indoor stadium, which could seat 7,000. By far the warmest reception was for Crazyhead, a traditional heavy metal band. Jesus Jones, an acid rock group, Romania would be fertile evoked a less enthusiastic reception with people saying they were "unfamiliar" the music - but they also said that in time they were sure oppression have kept their they would get to like all the latest Western trends to which Young Romanians have they were, as yet, unexposed.

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CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

Defiant teenagers lead revolt against Serbs

From Richard Bassett, Djakovice

expression of studied revolu As they moved across a small stream between crumbling mud huts, they exchanged victory signs with some old women knitting.

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The women smiled, packed up their knitting and withdrew. Five minutes later a group numbering about 50 were shouting "Freedom Kosovo must have freedom".

On a bright sunny afternoon, the cries rang round empty streets. The population used to living outdoors on the streets took refuge inside. Barely had they done so when the air filled with tear gas.

The demonstrators fled, melting away into a maze of valleys which form the heart of every Kosovo town. One or two stragglers, who remained just too long to hurl a stone, were bundled off to the

Djakovice police station. There, eight senior officers federal authorities. They se in musti — mostly Albanians unwilling to get involved. (none gave their names) politely took notes. Allegaerally sullen demeanour, were none the less "apolitical".

"You must realize in a picions about them. democracy the police cannot democracy the police cannot back any factions," said a are determined to show their

The six teenagers were an senior inspector, weary of the loyalty to the idea of a Yugodaily round of interrogations. slav federation and carry out In Djakovice, most of the every order with almost demonstrators are young.

With many schools closed in protest at what the Albanians here see as a new wave of Serbian oppression, these children are easy gas fodder.

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Encouraged by television scenes of mass protests in neighbouring Romania, they have become more confident.

"Very brave," remarked a veteran of SOE (Special Opcrations Executive) who was visiting a cafe he had last seen in 1944. "Usually the Albanians are quite windy."

The State Presidency has ordered the Army to crack down, but it is the police who represent authority on the

The Army, trundling up and down country roads in rusting T55 tanks, depict the ever thinner flag of Yugoslavia's federal authorities. They seem

This poses an awkward rebuffed. The police here, despite their poor turnout, shabby uniforms and generally sullen demeanage. dilemma for the police in dominantly Albanians and make no secret of their sus-

For everyone else here there



Crackdown patrol: Police searching an ethnic Albanian in Urosevac in Kosovo province where a curfew is in force after riots.

Albanian minister downplays jailings

From A Correspondent

Albania admitted for the first time yesterday that it was holding political prisoners convicted of trying to over-throw the last hardline communist regime in East Europe.

Mr Simon Stefani, the Interior Minister, said there were 3,850 prisoners "convicted of all kinds of crimes, ordinary and political ones", and "only four death penalties for political crimes" had been passed during the past decade. For ordinary crimes "which pose a great danger to the society, three or four persons a year are under sentence of

death". He dismissed allegations that 30,000 to 40,000 people were being held in Albanian jails in an interview in Zeri Popullii, the government newspaper. An English ver-sion was released in Athens.

Mr Stefani said there were only 83 people convicted "for activity to overthrow the people's power through violence".

Of allegations that thousands of members of the Greek minority were in Albanian jails, he said there were only 35 Greek prisoners.

Kosovo dissidents claim persecution

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

groups in Kosovo province created commission. have addressed an open letter to the Yugoslav State Presidency asserting that their predicament has been made worse by "brutal ill-treat-ment" of citizens, including children and old people, by the federal police force. Serbian police constitute the bulk of the force.

The dissident intellectuals, almost universally respected ating people, and beating up peaceful citizens. They said that these actions were pecially over murders not the region be withdrawn.

Seven Albanian dissident investigated by an officially

Federal policy, ignoring the legitimate demands of ethnic Albanians for democracy and regarding the entire "Albanian nation" as enemies and sepa-ratists, excluded all democratic solutions, the intellectuals alleged.

Meanwhile, the ruling Slovene Communist Party, which recently seceded from the Yugoslav League of Comthe police raiding schools, homes, mosques and hospitals, threatening and humiliating people, and haseless. by the Albanian people in the munists, has joined Slovene region, listed complaints of opposition parties in voicing they fear it may become embroiled in a civil war - and threatened to demand that all provoking mass protest, es- Slovene conscripts serving in

WORLD ROUNDUP

Protest at Borneo

over an allegation by the Prince of Wales that "collective genocide" has been waged against a nomadic people in Borneo, Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, said yesterday. Dr Mahathir told reporters that the allegation by the Prince, concerning the Penan tribe in the east Malaysian state of Sarawak, was "not true at all". The Prince had said

that the 9,000-strong Penan were being "harassed and even imprisoned for defending their own tribal lands".

Dr Mahathir said that a protest Note had been sent to London to correct the Prince, who spoke of a "dreadful pattern of collective genocide" worldwide. Amar Abdul Taib Mahmud, the Sarawak Chief Minister, has said the Prince was "probably not well informed".

EC 'green' ignorance

Brussels - Few citizens in the European Community know what causes air pollution, acid rain and the greenhouse effect, according to a survey commissioned by Brussels (Michael Binyon writes). Only one in five people questioned in all 12 EC countries linked the greenhouse effect to burning oil and coal; most thought that acid rain was caused by chemicals in agriculture and industry; one in 10 thought nuclear power caused both. However, British knowledge was among the highest and 78 per cent of EC citizens surveyed saw the environment as an important issue.

Mafia drugs swoop

Rome – Italian police and the FBI have arrested 12 people in

Palermo, Miami and New York suspected of running an international cocaine and heroin operation involving the Sicilian Mafia, the American Mafia and the Colombian drug cartels (Paul Bompard writes). Among those arrested is an Englishman, Allen Knox, aged 44, accused of having transported 596kg of cocaine while captain of the ship Big John. Italian sources said cocaine was shipped from Colombia to the Sicilian Mafia, who distributed it in Europe in exchange for heroin for the US market.

Nuclear taboo broken

Islamabad (AFP) - President Mitterrand of France has broken a long-standing taboo by agreeing to relaunch nuclear co-operation with Pakistan after more than a decade of US and Indian pressure to steer clear. His announcement here on Wednesday that he would sanction the sale of a nuclear power plant to Pakistan has already received a negative reaction from the United States. The State Department said France had no assurances the plant would not be put to military use.

Bougainville talks

Sydney - The Papua New Guinea Government yesterday announced peace talks to be held with rebels on Bougainville Island within a week (Robert Cockburn writes). More than 100 people have died in the 18-month war over secession - 16 in military custody. In Port Moresby, Mr Rabbie Namaliu, the Prime Minister, said the Government would agree to a gradual withdraw of its troops from the South Pacific island if negotiations between Mr Bernard Narakobi, the Justice Minister, and Mr Sam Kaouna, the rebels' military leader, progressed successfully.

Pilot's mystery tour

Oslo (Renter) - The pilot of a Royal Navy helicopter taking part in exercises in Norway got lost in the dark when his instrument panel failed, the Defence Ministry said yesterday. Spotting a few lights, he landed and asked local people the way. But their navigation was apparently no better, and he had to land again for more directions,

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Labour ultimatum on peace talks puts pressure on Shamir

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Russian immigrants at Ariel

Less than I per cent of the

thousands of new Soviet im-

migrants have gone to the

10 per cent in Jerusalem.

an international outcry.

to form a "peace platform"

government with the religious

parties, the third force in

Israeli politics, or to force new

elections. Labour hopes that,

desnite its dismal electoral

record, it would be able to

capitalize on the schisms

within Likud following Mr

Sharon's stormy departure

Several of Mr Sharon's

followers have accused Mr

Shamir of trying to "crush" the Likud right wing. Observ-ers say much will depend on

the attitude of Mr David

Levy, the Deputy Prime Min-

differences with Mr Shamir

after Mr Sharon's resignation.

Sharon and Mr Modai's right-

wing faction and is angry over

Mr Shamir's failure to pro-

mote any right-wingers in the Cabinet reshuffle after Mr

Israel, meanwhile, is to step

up security at East European

airports in response to

Palestinian threats of "retali-

ation" for the settling of

Budanest and Bucharest are

used as transit centres because

of the lack of flights between

Soviet Jewish immigrants.

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As the row over the settling of direct talks is being delayed by new Soviet immigrants in the differences over who should occupied West Bank gathered momentum yesterday, the Is- tion. Egypt is understood to raeli Labour Party issued a have proposed the inclusion final ultimatum to its increasingly strife-torn coalition partner, the right-wing Likud party, to move towards a settlement with the Palestineration Organization. ians or face the collapse of the present Government

A curfew was clamped in the occupied territories yesterday amid rioting in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, warned Mr Yitzhak the Prime Minister against the peace plan. and the Likud leader, that the time for "evasion" had run

Mr Peres deciared bluntly: "I do not want Shamir to continue his evasions. He must say yes or no. We must show that Labour has character. If Shamir says he needs still more time, we will say thank you, but no."

He maintained there was a "clear majority" in the Knesset (Parliament) for Labour's peace policy, especially if Likud rebels led by Mr Yitzhak Modai, the Economics Minister, carry out their threat to form a separate faction as Liberals.

The peace issue has come to a head following a response by Egypt to a US formula for the first direct Israeli-Palestinian talks to be held in Cairo. As a starting point, the talks would discuss Mr Shamir's own plan for elections in the occupied territories to end the Palestinian uprising, or intifada, and usher in a period of Palestinian self-rule.

But a meeting of US, Egyp-tian and Israeli foreign ministers to pave the way for were fewer than 150 new

differences over who should be in the Palestinian delegaof Palestinians deported from the occupied territories, and of Arab residents of east Jerusalem. Both are likely to have links with the Palestine Lib-

Labour accepts this, but Mr Shamir is facing a revolt from the Likud right wing over such an arrangement. On February 13, Mr Ariel Sharon, his chief critic and rival, resigned from the Cabinet to lead the fight

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, who until now

Jerusalem (AP) - Israel's Supreme Court will seek eviace from a witness in West Germany which could free John Demjanjuk, a convicted war criminal, his lawyer said yesterday. Demianjak, aged 69, was given a death sentence in 1988 for the killing of 850,000 Jews at Treblinka in the Second World War.

has urged Labour to give Mr Shamir more time, yesterday agreed with other Labour leaders that the explosive issue of Soviet immigration way to do this, Mr Rabin said, was to begin talks with a Palestinian delegation.

On Wednesday, Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, a senior PLO official, said the settlement of Soviet Jews at Ariel, near the Arab town of Nablus, the nerve centre of the intifada, was an "act of war" which would provoke retaliation by the Arabs.

Israeli officials said there

Letter from Managua

Rock around the rhetoric woos young votes *

ith his mottled-grey silk shirt and blow-dried heir Daniel dried hair, Daniel could have come straight from one of those Latin soap operas as he greets his gringo guests at the Sacuanjoche restuarant on a main road outside Managua. (First names are obligatory in Nicaragua: If you use the Ortega, you are either a foreigner or a critic).

The music pounds out in the tropical night as, a few occupied territories. Some 50 yards away, couples gyrate to the lambada, an erotic Brazil-ian dance. Wearing punk per cent have settled in Tel Aviv, 30 per cent in Haifa and None the less, Mr Shamir's black and swathed in gold chains, Rosario, Nicaragua's English-educated First Lady, careless remark recently that a tries to mask her fatigue as house Soviet Jews has caused Daniel clasps yet another "friend" by the shoulders while aides capture the mo-If Labour carries out its threat to withdraw from the coalition, its options are either ment on Polamid

The Polaroid camera is one of many gimmicks in the arsenal of the slick Sandinista campaign to convert the former guerrilla into something abling a rock star, but this time the souvenirs are going not to the usual voters, but to foreign correspondents at a party in their honour.

ynical detachment may be de rigueur for the US press corps when dealing with other Latin American strongmen, but the rules are different in Nicaragua where, despite a decade of bloodshed and some heavy-handed Marxism, they never quite took the romance out of the revolution. You can still wear your 1960s credentials and feel on the "right" side, particularly under the influence of seductive surround-

ings, local rum and the tinge of violence felt in a country still at war. After all, posters of James Dean and Marilyn Monroe grace the walls of Daniel and Rosario's family sitting room. Nicaragua must be one of

the last places where young people happily call each other uñero (comrade), a practice still indulged in by some diehard supporters of the "Sandies" among the foreign press, and almost universally by the brigades of internacionalistas, the unreconstructed lefties whose choice of correct holiday destinations has shrunk somewhat of late. Al-ways recognizable by their droopy garb and wan northern look, the "sandalistas" have flocked to Managua from places as far-flung as Illinois, Uxbridge and Uppsala to demonstrate solidarity lament materialism.

"At least the McDonald's

ca's commitment to the re-

gion's security as to sell its



here is a ruin from older days," noted Sven, a mournful student from Sweden, as he passed the crumbling remains of the twin golden arches, an civilization and almost a parody of the gleaming new icon off Gorky Street. "Who wants a revolution where you celebrate the opening of a Mc-Donald's or a stock market. It is just terrible what is happen-

Hang around Nicaragua a little and you soon realize that ideology is only part of the allure for the foreign cast. Much of the attraction stems from the country's small population of three million. Add the

ing in Europe," Sven laments.

becomes intimate and accessible. The Sandinista nomenklatura is a tiny group and everyone knows everyone.

They will point out with relish, for example, that the pretty woman in the queue for American light bulbs at the Soviet-style hard currency supermarket is alleged to be the mistress of a senior official. You shake hands and shop on (You need the foreign bulbs because of the law that ties Marxist

electricity to dim wattage). As a country of a few big Violeta Chamorro, the oppofamilies, there is little room sition candidate in Sunday's

and intrigue and the place ers, Daniel and Humberto, may wear the mantle of revolutionary heroes, but schoolmates in Managua still remember them going to American films on Sunday, filling up on hot dogs and popcorn, and striving for the Ivy League look affected by their richer friends.

Many families straddle the revolutionary divide, the most celebrated being the Chamorros. Nothing could demonstrate better the intimacy and pathos of the bloody strife of the past 10 years. Of the four children of Señora

election, two are high-ranking Sandinistas and two are leading figures in the opposition, one a former Contra leader.

Doña Violeta - she merits the honorific in deference to her age - finds herself under daily attack as a Yankee stooge from her son, Carlos Fernando, director of Bar-ricada, the Sandinista party newspaper. Doña Violeta, whose murdered husband is now invoked as a martyr and hero by both sides, says she believes one day all this foolishness will be over.

She sees only misery in the record of the Ortega boys and their guerrilla comrades, who are now struggling, like old rockers trying to keep up with an adolescent art form. If that image was far-fetched a few months ago, it is not now. Daniel has come to resemble Mick Jagger as he struts across the stage in tight jeans to the rhythm of the salsa and the adulation of the multitude.

is frenetic wooing of the youth vote has started to grate on older revolutionary nerves. "It's all jingles and slogans and he doesn't talk about the struggle any more," said one companero. Daniel's issue-free campaign has much in common with the President Bush approach to elections, as one North American diplomat noted wryly. He has wrapped himself in the flag and turned the Contras into his Willie Horton, the black murderer invoked by Mr Bush in 1988 as a symbol of Democratic cravenness.

A sense of change now hangs over Managua, Ironically, only if Dona Violeta wins on Sunday, an event thought by diplomats to be unlikely, can the Sandinistas preserve their mystique. If Daniel triumphs, the revolutionary chapter will be closed, as the comandantes use their new respectability to end Nicaragua's isolation and heal its economic wounds. The Americans will probably reciprocate as the vision of communism has long lost its As Carlos Fuentes, the

Mexican novelist, put it: "If the Soviet Union can give up the Brezhnev Doctrine for the Sinatra Doctrine, the United States can give up the James Monroe Doctrine for the Marilyn Monroe Doctrine: Let's all go to bed wearing the

Charles Bremner

Airbus safety fears mount as pilots voice doubts

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Another senior official of the French airline pilots' union has expressed concern that the sophisticated Airbus A320 could be unsafe. In certain circumstances,

said M Jean-Yves Boissier, the aircraft's computerized technology could "trap" pilots potentially disastrous He made his claim as

French aviation authorities stepped up pressure on their Indian counterparts to release vital information about last week's crash of an A320 in Bangalore.

M Boissier said that the

number of incidents involving A320s "seems to be higher than would normally be considered acceptable".

He regretted that, despite a formal request from his union, the French civil aviation board had refused to follow

China hits

back at US

on rights

From Catherine Sampson

China yesterday attacked a damning State Department

report on human rights abuses

there last year, saying it was

"based on rumours and lies".

ment, a Chinese Foreign Min-istry statement said, and added that the charges were

The US had no right to

interfere in China's internal

affairs, the statement contin-

ued. America had "flagrantly vilified the Chinese leaders by

insisting on putting together

United States should solve its

own human rights problems before "meddling" in the af-

fairs of other countries, such

guage used against the US

since the visit of the National

Security Adviser, Mr Brent Scowcroft, in December brought to a halt the down-

Although China's angry re-

action to the report was predictable, Western dip-

lomats believe that the Chi-

nese cannot afford another

serious deterioration in their

relations with the United

States, and can therefore do

nothing to back up their

The State Department re-

port catalogued the Army's

gunning down of unarmed

demonstrators in Peking on

June 4, subsequent mass ar-

rests, secret executions, tor-

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Its conclusion was that the

human rights climate in China

had "deteriorated dramati-

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Peking has lodged a "strong protest" with the US GovernIndia's example in grounding all A320s until the cause of the Banagalore crash, in which 90

people died, is established. According to M Boissier, who flies Boeing 747s for Air France, the union is not opposed to operating A320s, but members are worried that Airbus Industrie, the Toulouse-based manufacturing consortium, has not paid

plaints from pilots who fly the

aircraft regularly. "All we want is to avoid possible traps," he told the newspaper Libération: it was hard to avoid the impression that Airbus Industrie had not faced up to the implications of two fatal accidents involving its best-selling model (three people died when an A320 belly-flopped into a forest in

Gille, head of the Air France branch of the union, said that, in "aeronautical statistical terms", the rate of accidents which involved the A320 was

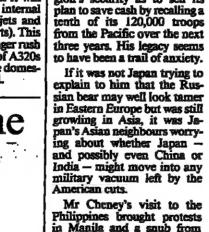
The confrontation between French and Indian officials investigating the Bangalore crash has been sharpened by a statement from M André Lewin, the French Ambesenough attention to com- sador in Delhi. M Lewin said that there was "a moral resposibility, not just a legal responsibility" to share all available data. DELHI: Air India, the

international carrier, yesterday announced that it will operate 37 extra internal flights, using jumbo jets and Airbus 300s (AP reports). This should ease the passenger rush which the grounding of A320s by Indian Airlines, the domeseastern France in June, 1988). by Indian Airlines, the discarrier, this week, M Pierre tic carrier, has created.

Gift of a lifetime



Paul McCartney with his "Lifetime Achievement" award, one of the top honours the music business can bestow, at the Government hates — last Grammy awards ceremony in Los Angeles. Rock, page 17.



Mr Cheney's visit to the Philippines brought protests things to stay as they are as in Manila and a snub from long as the Soviet presence

Mr Richard Cheney, the US President Aquino, who re-Defence Secretary, has pacifused to see her visitor because Before Mr Cheney arrived, the of Washington's recent cuts in commander of US Naval fied almost no one on his twoaid to the Philippines. week tour through Asia. He came as much to stress Ameri-

In Seoul, Mr Cheney's proposals to call home 5,000 of warned that pressing Japan to America's 43,500 troops from South Korea were taken with relatively good grace.

But in Japan, where Mr Chency yesterday said Washington would like to withdraw 5,000 to 6,000 of its 50,000 troops there and broached the subject of Japan shouldering more of the cost of the remaining US troops, the Pentagon's plans left only

The Japanese Defence capabilities and the Foreign Ministry says it would prefer

remains strong in East Asia. Forces in the Western Pacific, Vice-Admiral Henry Mauz, assume most of the costs of US forces stationed in Japan would give Tokyo too much say over US operations in the

At the very start of his tour, in Seoul, Mr Cheney made it clear. "We aren't going to move precipitously ... Our commitment remains strong. The threat remains un-

But defence experts predict that the end of the Cold War Agency says the cuts will not in Europe, Moscow's recent affect the country's defence move to cut its forces in Cam Ranh Bay, the Vietnamese naval base, and Washington's budgetary headaches will force America to account for each

man and woman left in the region. They expect the current round of cuts to be the first of many. Some also believe that fewer

US troops in the Philippines the forces police shipping lanes through the South China Sea for vessels carring raw materials and oil to Japan could persuade Japan to increase its own military

• Recruit figure: Mr Toshiki Kaifu, Japan's Prime Minister, was yesterday forced by his party's warlords to appoint Mr Mutsuki Kato, a former Agriculture Minister who received cut-price shares from Recruit, to a key job in his new administration.

The appointment is being trumpeted by the LDP as an end to the Recruit affair. Leading Article, page 13

Ship burns after Gulf explosions

Dubai - The Americanflagged Kuwaiti gas tanker, Surf City, was still on fire in the Gulf last night after a series of explosions. American Navy ships warned other vessels to keep away because of the risk of further blasts. The captain and chief mate were killed instantly, but the

rest of the crew of 25 escaped in the ship's lifeboat. The cause of the explosions is still unknown. Merchant ships still receive warnings of the danger of mines left behind after the Iran-Iraq war; but first reports suggest leak-

ing gas from the cargo of naptha could have ignited. MP to quit

Knala Lumpar (Renter) - Mr D. P. Vijandran, Malaysia's deputy Speaker of Parliament, accused by opposition leaders of acting in pornographic films, has reportedly agreed to step down but will remain an

Geologist shot Manila (Reuter) - Gunmen

believed to be communist guerrillas have shot dead Mr John Mitchell, aged 42, an American geologist, his Filipina wife Marilou, and her father in an ambush in the central Philippines.

Beer boost

Moscow (Reuter) - The city council here has announced an ambitious plan to almost double the capital's beer production by the year 2000. Liquor stores were recently allowed to extend their hours.

Looting halted Rosario, Argentina (AP) — The Government has in-

creased police patrols and food coupons for hungry residents to end the looting that has again shaken Argentina's second-largest city. Bomb attack

Dhaka (Reuter) - Mir Show-

Bangladesh Nationalist Party, and a former army general escaped unharmed when eight home-made bombs were thrown at his home.

Addled egg

Albuquerque (AP) - Fossil experts say an oblong object that officials last year proclaimed to be a fossilized egg up to 16 million years old is a stomach stone from a modern mammal, possibly a cow.

Nepal newspaper defies the censors From Christopher Thomas, Kathmanda

US cutbacks stir alarm in Asia

Journalists at one of Nepal's "Historic Movement Around publication rather than sub-other two papers, while

biggest newspapers, the The Country". Desanter, are working on Sunday's issue from their bleak offices in one of Kathmandu's busy bazaars. But no doubt all 25,000 copies will be seized by police and destroyed.

After the seizure and destruction of the past four issues of the weekly, the attempt to publish Desanter has turned into a cat-andmouse game with the authorities. As soon as it rolls off the presses, police cart it away. Mr Shiva Adhikari, the editor, said he was determined to produce a full print run week after week, filling it with

The movement for ending a 30-year ban on political par-ties so alarms King Birendra's Government that censors have been sent to newspaper offices to strike out friendly" stories. Mr Govinda Biyogi, editorin-chief of the popular Nepali Daily (Janadoot in Nepali),

has given up putting out a newspaper because he refuses to bow to censorship. He also edits the Nepali Weekly (Matribhoomi), which he closed two weeks ago. Mr Biyogi, president of the Nepalese Journalists' Associ-

started this month, or seizure. He said the Press Act empowered the Government to close any newspaper at any time. There was no legal provision for censorship. "The wave of democracy sweeping the world has en-

Nepal," he said. "The campaign will continue." There are more than 200 newspapers in the country, most of which broadly support the panchayat system of partyless elected assemblies. All but two of the newspapers

that have now suspended ation and a member of the country's Press Council, said and support the agitation for multi-party democracy. The

mit to censorship, which supporting panchayats, op-started this month, or seizure. pose the Government. The Government has adopted a strategy of trying to

link the opposition movement with "foreign powers" — coded language for saying that India could try to exert influence through the banned couraged opposition forces in Nepalese Congress, while China could do so through the seven communist parties that make up the United Leftist Front

The panchayat system un-deniably offers protection from direct political interference by the two giant neighbours, China and India, but the Government argues that a partyless system offers the

New evidence backs biblical story of Jericho's fall From James Bone Scholars have hitherto dismissed Hyksos, Canaanites who then lived site; charred fragments were dated at

New York

New archaeological evidence that the walls of the ancient city of Jericho could indeed have come tumbling down", as recounted in the Bible, has been published in

America, contradicting research by a British expert in the 1950s. Dr Bryant Wood of the University of Toronto has written in the current issue of the Biblical Archeological Review that a new study of ceramic remains, royal scarabs, carbon-14 dating and even some ruins of tumbled walls supports the biblical account. "When

we compare the archaeological evinarrative describing the Israelite destruction of Jericho, we find a quite remarkable agreement," Dr Wood wrote.

According to the Book of Joshua, the Israelite army crossed the Jordan, whose waters had miraculously stopped flowing, and surrounded Jericho, which is situated on the western edge of the Jordan Valley just north of the Dead Sea.

The Israelites marched round the walled city for six days, blowing rams' horns. On the seventh day, the uproar caused the wall to collapse and the Israelites burned the city.

the account as high-flying religious rhetoric. Most believed the city was destroyed about 150 years earlier than the date of the Israelite invasion, which was put at no earlier than 1400 BC. That view is based on excavations

the late British archaeologist, Miss Kathleen Kenyon, in the 1950s. She was unable to find any of the decorated pottery associated with the period of the Israelite invasion and concluded that the city had fallen or been abandoned between 1600 and 1550 BC.

The conquerors were assumed to be either the Egyptians or the

in Egypt. Mr Wood, however, now contends that Miss Kenyon simply

looked for the wrong kind of pottery in the wrong places, concentrating her digging in what was a poor quarter of the city. He points to the earlier discovery

by a British archaeologist of the 1930s, the late Mr John Garstang, of clay pots and bowls of the period. Dr Wood adds that three other lines of evidence have supported his owninterpretation.

A 3ft layer of ash containing pottery fragments and mud bricks from a wall was found at the ancient

1410 BC, plus or minus 40 years; and several Egyptian scarabs found in tombs had inscriptions showing them to be from the same period. Dr Wood also claims that, as told

in the Bible, the city fell after the spring harvest, because excavations uncovered large amounts of stored grain. "The presence of these grain stores in the destroyed city is entirely consistent with the biblical account." he wrote.

"The city did not fall as a result of a starvation siege, as was so common in ancient times. Instead, the Bible tells us Jericho was destroyed

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Inflation made in Downing Street, says Kinnock

most of Prime Minister's question time fielding questions from MPs on both sides on the community charge, with Mr Neil Kinnock saying that most of Britain's inflation was

made in Downing Street. The Prime Minister counter-attacked with recollections of record high inflation under the Labour Government and with condemnation of unjustified extravagance by local au-

The issue spilled over into later questions on Commons business when an issue raised by Mr Denis Skinner, that education or other services should be removed from local authority expenditure, sparked calls for a debate on the subject.

Mr Kinnock raised the politax issue with Mrs Thatcher, asking her if she recognized that "her high mortgage rate policies and poli tax policies are bound to put up the rate of inflation?"

Mrs Thatcher: Our top priority is to get inflation down (Labour laughter). I hope that he will be aware that doing that in the long term has to be by making the price of money more expensive. If he does not know that I am very surprised. that, I am very surprised.

Mr Kinneck: She talks about combating inflation, but she is causing it (Labour cheers). It is clear that, because of the high interest rate and the poll tax, the British people is mainly made in Downing Street.

Mrs Thatcher: He is grum-bling, rightly, about the inflation level of 7.7 per cent. Under the Labour Government (Labour protests) it was 26.7 per cent — an all-time high in this century. Our record is far, far better than Labour's.

Mr Kinnock: This time last year she said to me, with inflation at 7.8 per cent, that it was proceeding towards zero. Now it is 7.7 per cent. Is that what she calls proceeding?

Conservative MPs: Yes. Mrs Thatcher: Because we have had growth faster than we had thought, it is taking longer to turn round, but nevertheless there is a record level of home owners and mortgage payers, 99 per cent of whom are managing

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Fundamentally, those who put money into bricks and mortar have done better than those who put it into building

Mr Dennis Turner (Wolver-hampton South East, Lab) said that the local authority in Wolverhampton, to get to the poll tax level projected by the Government, needed to take out £28 million from its spending.

whole of our social services and almost all our leisure services. "Would she tell the people of Wolverhampton why they have to pay an additional £47, which has nothing to do with their services and which has been imposed by her Government? They want to know and they want it taken away."

Mrs Thatcher asked if the they did not realize — "which I doubt" — that they were doing the worst possible thing by taking it out of the pockets of their residents, "because that's what they are doing if they are putting up the community charge higher than it need be".

Mr Dadley Fishburn (Ken-sington, C) asked if she would confirm that it was the Govern-ment's intention, once the community charge was in place, that private landlords who currently charged tenants cent and rates combined, should lower their charges.

Mrs Thatcher said yes. She hoped that private landlords would lower their charges. Various remedies were available to tenants whose landlords did not agree to such a reduction.

The Secretary of State for Environment (Mr Christopher Patten) was setting these out in a leaflet which would be widely

North, Lab) asked if she could give any explanation as to why, despite all the money and propaganda spent on it, the politax was the most detested and hated tax brought into this country for centuries.

"If she disputes what I am saying, could we have a referen-dum on the poll tax?" Mrs Thatcher said that a rating revalution of domestic properties, which some of them had been through before, would have been infinitely more de-tested than the present commu-

She understood why Labour did not like the charge. It would reveal that the highest spending councils were Labour.

An even worse remedy was Labour's roof tax — a local tax on capital values, regardless of whether the person living in the house owned it, and adding a test of income tax.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) asked if she had considered the possibility of reducing the poll tax by taking out education, maybe teachers' salaries, fire and police services, or a same content of the policy services. or a combination of any of the three. Would she rule that out before the next election? Mrs Thatcher replied that the

revenue-support grant already paid a substantial part of education, including teachers' sal-aries and polytechnics, and the business rate paid a substantial other part.

it would be totally wrong to take education out and run it centrally. Better to do as the Government did by putting education away from the local authority, out to the people to If education were taken out, a

very substantial part of revenue support grant would have to come out with it and, of course, some of the business rate as well. Mr Den Dover (Chorley, C)

asked what encouragement she could give to the people of Chorley who had quite sensibly voted in a Conservative-controlled borough council. It was keeping exactly in line with government spending fore-casts and yet was facing a skyhigh community charge because of the very high spending of the Labour-controlled Lancashire

County Council, Mrs Thatcher said that there was no justification for extravagance on the part of any authority. Mr Patten had made clear that, where there was excessive spending, he would not hesitate to charge cap the authority.

Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) asked if she would confirm that there would be no poll-tax before the end of

Mrs Thatcher said that



authorities had not vet set their budgets. Mr Patten would have to consider very carefully the criteria for charge capping. "It will take time. We will do it as soon as we can."

During business questions, Mr John Biffen (North Shropshire, C) said that the Prime Minister, under the Svengali and mesmerizing influence of Mr Skinner, had ruled out any changes in the financing of education before the next gen-eral election.

There should be a debate on the subject because many MPs would like the opportunity to try to persuade the Prime Minister that there was a very good case for changing the financing of education.

Mr Allan Stewart (Eastwood, C) said that a senior and distinguished member of the Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab), was going to make a speech tonight describing Lab-our's roof tax proposals as a characle and a dreadful mess

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said that time should be found for a debate on the need to transfer the total cost of education from local government to central government to make the community charge, which was right in principle, acceptable in practice.

Sir Geoffrey said that, without promising the prospect of a debate, he noted calls for one. The Government had no plans at present to change the way that education was funded.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pem-broke, C) said that an early debate on local government finance would enable MPs to congratulate Mr David Nellist

doing what everyone in the country was entitled to do, to order their tax affairs to their

If Mr Nellist was concerned about living in Wandsworth and about Militant forces coming around to kneecap him, "we can perhaps do a swap because I live in Lewisham, with a high community charge" (laughter). Sir Geoffrey: Far be it from me to intervene in the some-what hazardous domestic ar-

Mr Skiener was asking Sir Geoffiey to reconsider having a debate on the poll tax when there was a shout from Mr Bennett, asking him: Where's your second home, Dennis?

Mr Skimer commented to laughter that it was "in highly rated Lambeth, and I am only a lodger".

tion. It was that we risked muddle and instability if these issues were not addressed in an orderly way."

Out of that a notion grew up, particularly in parts of the German press, that Britain was in some way

going back on our traditional support for the principle of unification.

"I hope that notion has now been dispelled to the comfort of us all."

He added: "We are now optimistic that German unification can be

achieved in a way which fits a pattern of European stability and security accept-

The concept of a united Germany in

Nato was important for the security of

Germany in significant numbers as a stabilizing element. Special arrangements for East German territory might include the continued presence of Soviet troops on German soil for a transitional

He believed that the Soviet Union would accept that its own interests would be served by having Germany as

Waddington is attacked on bombs inquiry

Angry Labour MPs criticized Home Office ministers over the slowness of investigations into the convictions in the Birmingham pub-hombings case

Bismingham pub-bombings case of 1974.

Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said during questions that he had not yet completed his consideration of the further material presented to him on behalf of the six men convicted. He would decide as soon as possible if that justified any intervention by him.

Mr Alam Meale (Mansfield, Lab) said that an important part of the case and of the convictions involved confessions taken by the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad, now disbanded because it had been found to have have been forging confessions.

sions.

That should warrant a reopening of the inquiry into the case.

Mr Waddington said that he would carry out his duty to consider whether there was any new evidence or consideration of substance that might cast doubt on the safety of the convictions.

On the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad, an inquiry was being carried out by West Yorkshire police.

Although their inquiry was concentrating on matters that had happened since 1986, he was sure that if they wished to take their inquiries further back in time because of any matters that came to their notice, they

that came to their notice, they

Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C) said that many people were rather tired of the constant, concerted campaign trying to prove that these convicted crim-icals were impocent while the

Mr Waddington said that he did not think it was really right for him to comment because of the difficult duty that he had to

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Waddington as he continued to dither, to prevaricate and to provide one excuse after another as the evidence showed that the Birmingham six were clearly innocest.

How many more months, if not years, would they have wrongly to spend in jail, like the Guidlord four?

Mr Waddington said that these remarks were entirely macalled for.

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these remarks were entirely uncalled for.

Mr Clay ignored the detailed investigation into these matters by the Devon and Cornwall Police and that, as a result of that investigation the matter had been taken to the Court of Appeal where there had been an exhaustive inquiry, both into the confessions by the six and into the forensic ncience evidence.

Later Mr Martin Flamoury (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab), said that Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, was hiding from the truth in the case of Det Sergeant Brian Morton, who had been expelled from the police force and jailed because because he had beaten up a prisoner to try to extract a

up a prisoner to bry to extract a

He had been at Oueen's Road Police Station, Birmingham, during the entire time that the Birmingham Six had been bru-tally beaten up to extract confes-

This was the third time that he (Mr Flamery) had saked Mr Lloyd about the matter. Mr Lloyd said that he had previously replied that Det Sergeant Morton had been in prison for an offence and that it had nothing to do with convictions of

Morton had photographed one of them — Hill — at one point, but many officers had jobs at the periphery of the investigation in which they were not otherwise involved. carry out.

Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) wondered whether the length of time that the Gaildford four had wroughy spent in prison had hamted Mr pousible to imply otherwise."

Government issues poison waste plea

An appeal to the public to keep a close watch for cannisters of dangerous chemicals which might be washed up on the South Coast was made by Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Under Secretary of State for Transport, when questioned about the latest incident of containers of poison being found on Brighton heach.

brigade and local authority of-ficials, six cannisters of potassium cyanide and several cannisters of other dangerous chemicals which were washed

It was still not known from which ship the chemicals had

Mrs Ann Taylor, an Opposition spokesman on the en-vironment, said that this was potentially a highly dangerous situation for those in the vicinity of the containers.
Incidents of this kind were

causing increasing concern. Coastal waters were in an appalling state made worse by problems like this and by the continued permission to dump Were the containers properly labelled? What action was taken

after the sinking of any ship known to be carrying toxic waste? Did not this incident prove that the Government was wrong to reject the EC directive on vessels carrying dangerous goods entering or leaving Community ports? It should

think again.

Mr McLoughlis said that it was wholly wrong for the Opposition to try to include this in the "dirty water syndrome".

That was rubbish.

day used the Dover Strait. "It is important and imperative that masters of these vessels operate when questioned about the latest incident of containers of poison being found on Brighton beach.

He said that, thanks to prompt action by the police, fire the carriage of goods to consider the carriage of goods of this kiewing and the Conventment.

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would see what more could be done to ensure that IMO (Inter-national Maritime Organiza-tion) rules were enforced. The Government did not believe that the EC directive was the best way to approach the matter.

Mr Andrew Bowden (Brighton, Kemptown, C) said that there was evidence that the cannisters had been washed off a ship in the recent bad weather because there were clear mark-ings on them. Their labels and The Government should con-sider carefully how to ensure that regulations requiring ships masters to report immediately

the loss of any dangerous can-nisters were enforced. Any mas-ter who failed to report such a loss should be subject to severe penalties. Mr Malcohn Bruce, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on the environment, said that international regulations were need-ed clearly to identify toxic cargoes of this kind. Trade in such materials must be restricted much more rigidly. Mr McLoughlin said that this had nothing to do with toxic waste. These chemicals were for laboratory use. Responsibility for beaches lay with the local authority, but the Department of Transport and the marine really in could be to Between 200 and 300 ships a pollution could help.

Change in Eastern Europe

Hurd calls for multi-party approach

A multi-party approach to what Britain could do for the emerging democracies in Eastern Europe was suggested by Mr Douglas Hurd when he opened a Commons debate on East-West re-

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told MPs that he wanted to look at what help "we might give to the political parties in Eastern Europe and perhaps elsewhere. "We shall be in touch shortly with others in the House to see if we can reach some understanding about the way in which we could do that as a country.

"We professionals, parliamentarians and diplomats, businessmen and bank-ers, journalists and broadcasters, have to show the skill and imagination to follow up worthily the work of, for example, the shipyard workers of Gdansk, the crowds in St Wenceslas Square and those who through the years defied the Berlin Wall."

Wall."
Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that he could not understand some of the language being used about Nato on both sides of the Atlantic. The idea should be dropped that Nato was going to become a political rather than a military organization. Unified defence would still be

German unification was inevitable. It created no problems for Britain. It was up to the two Germanies, not the occupying powers nor interfering bodies from outside. It had long been recognized that when the two Germanies came together that was their affair and that Britain would no longer have an

Mr Hard said that a completely new phase of East-West relations was being entered. Until now the overriding need was to avert war, seek progress with arms control and greater respect for human rights.

"We must also welcome fresh ideas and original thought. That is unmistak-ably the new mood in this country, in the rest of Europe and across the

This had come across strongly in a remarkable series of meetings in Ottawa last week. It was less of a conference about "open skies" than of "open

"I came away with a strong sense that the Soviet Union is no longer sure of its moorings. The Warsaw Pact is no longer biddable. Democracy is starting to encroach. Soviet foreign policy is much more sensitive than before. I admire the Soviet leadership for riding the tide of events, but the pace and strength of the tide will increase over the next few

The dominating theme at Ottawa was German unification. We could be glad as friends of the new and democratic Germany that the years of painful division were coming to an end. Momentum towards unification had built up quickly "and it is likely to happen sooner rather than later".



Mr Hurd: What help can we give their political parties?

German unification closely affected the interests of other countries. Britain was not alone in its concern. Others were worried that we seemed to be getting into a scramble towards unification, without having the framework for handling external aspects.



There was growing consensus that American and other troops with nuclear weapons would need to remain in Germany in significant numbers as a Poland must be closely involved in discussions on the eastern border of a united Germany. They had to consider the implications for the EC of an enlarged Germany. Transitional arrangements would be

Moors case 'must wait' Minister's Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, declined to be drawn on whether he would release the

A pledge that he would continue to look for new business activities for Britain's 19,000 subpostoffices was given in the Commons late on Wednesday by Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Industry and Consumer Affairs.

He added however that diffi-

Consumer Atlans.

He added, however, that difficulties would be caused if post offices encroached on areas provided by the private sector because private local businesses could be endangered.

He was replying to Shr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C), who had expressed fears for the future of sub-postoffices.

because they or the village shop in which they were located had lost their commercial viability. He was not complaining about the number of Govern

ment-funded services that subpostoffices could provide, but he wanted them to be allowed to do more to improve their viability.
, Mr Forth said there was a

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moors murderers, Myra Hindcases were next reviewed. Sir Fergus Montgomery (Al-trincham and Sale, C) had asked sentence prisoners. for an undertaking that, in view of their "terrible crimes", people such as Hindley and Brady would never be let out of prison.

Mr Waddington said that a formal review would begin this year in accordance with what

Mr Waddington had said earlier that he was considering

carefully the recommendations of the House of Lords select committee on murder and life imprisonment and the release of

Mr James Cran (Beverley, C) said that in the 25 years up to 1987, about 51 per cent of those killed in England and Wales were killed by those previously convicted of homicide.

Against that background, would be consider more openness in the review procedure? Second, would be examine the assessment procedure which was at the heart of whether to release a convicted murderer? Mr Waddington said that he job.

had seen members of the Lords

There were cases before the European Court which touched on the matter of the machinery that should be in place to decide on the release of people sen-tenced to life imprisonment. He did not believe that he should take a decision in the matter until he had heard the result of those cases.

The difficulty was that the select committee had said that decisions should be taken out of the hands of ministers and given to an independent judicial tri-bunal. He was not sure that that would be better than the Parole Board. Whoever assessed the

'Generous' aid for crime victims

Britain's compensation system

He was speaking after the announcement of a Victim's Charter, setting out how victims of crime should be treated and raising wider questions about giving them a voice in criminal

tion of the Select Committee on Home Affairs and increase the staff of the Criminal Injunes Compensation Board by 60. Performance targets were being discussed with the board, but the Government was ready

available for compensation.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) asked when the new staff would be recruited.

Mr Waddington said that recruitment would be in April and May a quarter. Sir John Wheeler (West-minster North, C), chairman of the Select Committee on Home

Affairs, welcomed the quick

acceptance of the committee's

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'Browne talks' continue

Consultations were still going on about the best way to debate the select committee report on MPs in-terests, Sir Geoffrey Howe Leader of the House, said at

(Winchester, C) (who was censured by the committee for failing to declare interests]
and for the House, he said. He hoped to announce pro-

with the report.

Parliament

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Landlord and Tenant (Licensed Premises)

Teesday: Criminal Justice

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(International Co-operation)
Bill, second reading. Debate on the report of the EC
Court of Auditors and action against fraud. Private Wednesday: Debate on the

Bills: Planning Permission (Demolition of Houses) Bill and Radiation Exposed Crown Employees (Be The main business in the House of Lords is ex-

pected to be: Monday: Coal Industry Bill, committee. Associated British Ports (No 2) Bill, second reading. Tuesday: Education (Student Loans) Bill, second

tery to raise money for the arts, sport and the Thursday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, report, third

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Rights of Way (Agricultural Land) Bill and Access to Health Records Bill, second readings.

business questions.

The report was very im-portant for Mr John Browne

The matter was raised by Dr John Conningham, shadow Leader of the House, who asked whether Sir Geoffrey had considered how the House should deal

Port change

The Government is considering introducing leg-islation to convert trust City of London into private companies, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said during business

next week

Wednesday: Debate on Royal Air Force. Thursday: Debate on Welsh affairs. Friday: Private members'

radio stations and some sate that recently had meetings with a number of groups on religious broadcasting. The Broadcasting Bill was an improvement in important respects to the present legislation on religious broadcasting.

The present blanket prohibition on religious sponsorship and advertising would be lifted and Christian and religious organizatious would be able to own radio stations for the first time. first time. He was considering the ques-He was considering the question of a specific guarantee for religious programmes on Chancel 3 and an exceptional discretion to allow religious groups to own local and non-DBS (Direct Broadcasting Satellite television services. A further appearancement would be higher education and on a lot-

further announcement would be anade "in due course".

Mr David Alton (Liverpool,
Mossley Hill, Lib Deno) asked for an assurance that he would look at provisions in the Bill which could radically curtain Christian broadcasting and introduce an amendment. Mr Mellor did not accept that

there was any restriction on Christian broadcasting beyond a



the contrary, an expansion of Christian broadcasting was made possible by the Bill and it might go further, depending upon the outcome of discussion going on at the moment. Some of the leaflets that had been circulated about the effect of the Bill on religious broadcasting were inaccurate and a unmaber of churchmen were saying they



Churches may be allowed to

int about editorializing. On Mr Michael Alison (Selby, C), see."

have own radio stations a spokesman for the Church Commissioners in the Com-mons, said that he was gratified by the ministers response. Many charch and Christian Many charch and Carssian groups which had made representations were pleased by the positive way in which the Government was considering the proposals for developing the Bill in the ways the minister had indicated. He and Mr Alton hoped that he would persist with amountments.

hoped the talks would brought to a rapid conclusion hrought to a rapid concession.

Mr Robin Corbett, Opposition spokesman on broadcasting, welcomed his response to
what was all-party pressure to
require Channel 3 to curry
religious broadcasts, but it could
have been availed if the Cappers have been avoided if the Govern-ment had kept a public service equirement.

Mr Mellor said that Labour

Mr Mellor said that Labour members of the broadcasting committee had played a full part in pressing the changes in religious broadcasting. He hoped that what emerged would be judged worth while. He did not agree that the whole matter could have been better dealt with under a public. better chair inter a public service univelle. "What we shall be getting is an expansion of Christian broadcasting and that is what most people want to

post office pledge

the future of sub-postoffices, especially those in the country, saying that a shadow lay across their future. In the past year, more than 100 of them had closed, mainly

general perception that the Post Office network was shrinking. But there were still 19,300 subpostoffices, compared 22,100 80 years ago.

year in accordance with what was said at the last review five years ago, it did not follow that the board would recommend release nor that he would necessarily accept such a recommendation

for victims of crime is the most generous in the world, paying out far more than Germany and France, Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said at questions. to make an extra £17 million

He said that the Government ined and about keeping them

Mr John Greenway (Rycdale, c) said more consideration should be given to the way in which victims were cross-exam-

Face to face with a

tunnel visionary he taxi-driver, given Victoria Plaza as the address yesterday, bawled back: "Going to see Alastair Morton? Seems like a decent honest bloke to me. Can't see why he always gets a write-up as real hard rotter.

The talkative cabby is one of the great newspaper cliches: Morton himself seems to be becoming

It was not the snarling boor who keeps being nasty to the chaps actually boring the Channel Tun-nel who waited in the modestlooking chairman's office at Eurotunnel headquarters. They said to watch out; chuck grenades into the conversation, he'll answer with a barrage. Actually, all he did was grin a lot. And giggle.

But of course, this was one of

the better mornings he has known in the past six months of furious argument over who should pay the extra costs (estimate up from £4.2 billion to £7.2 now) already arising in the world's greatest engineering project the builders, represented by Transmanche-Link, or the money men, for whom Morton leads the charge.

In the Eurotuinel reception area, newspaper headlines, both English and French, spoke of "peace" having broken out. A valid term for the battlefield he surveyed yesterday morning? "Between September and mid-February we had lived on the balance of about £230 million held back from the £1 billion of our original equity. That money was exhuasted so, unless we got money from the banks, the project would have stopped. This week. In such circumstances, people are bound to get a little tetchy with each

TML had hoped to get rid of him (Morton nodded in a sort of unworried agreement) and he had hoped to make them back down on the issue of their costs? "If the contractors can substantiate their claims, then they will have to be paid. What gets us down is that they haven't substantiated their claims, they have simply talked about them."

I had read that in the appoint-ment of John Neerhout (the new project manager who will be the buffer between Morton and the 10 warring contractors) the men doing the burrowing will "at last be faced with a man used to getting dirt under his nails". Implying, of course, that Morton's skills were confined to managing money and board-rooms, not men, and es-

Is the Eurotunnel chief executive as abrasive as his reputation? Brian James discovers the real Alastair Morton

That suggestion brought an observable bristle: "People do have terrible problems deciding what my speciality is. I have a law degree and a maths degree but I don't work as a mathematician or a lawyer. I am numerate, I studied as an actuary, but I do not work as an accountant. I have run a mining company and a merchant bank, an oil company, I have worked in industrial finance, in project finance, I have run companies in turn-round situations, I was in the nuclear power industry . . . now you tell me what

An impressive c.v., of course, I man, and we have not budged began... "Maybe, but contractors only say 'ah, he is not a shareholders' interests." contractor' 1

accept that. But, no, it doesn't make me uncomfortable in the company of men by other people. I any way hurt by who talk about by other people. I references to his widgets. I was chairman of a company mak-ing machine tools, saved another cutting tools from bankruptcy, saved factories, shuts down fac-

worry me."
It had been clear that management of the tunnel was in disarray. But was he the cure, or the cause? Every item about him in recent months had used words such as "ruthless", "domineering", "brusque": radio interviewers reached for terms like Morton's "arrogance", and settled for the safe "abrasive". Did he recognize himself?

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'Well. I have to accept other people think that, though I have been 'abrasive' so long I must now be totally abraded. I have been involved in the management of change for 22 years. From time to time you get a difference of opinion. Then you can back down, go around, or you can tackle it directly. Most people would say that you would always find Alistair Morton tackling it di-rectly. And at which point he will

try very hard indeed, to gain the point he wishes to gain. I would not be the person asked to come and sit here if I were not so."

Did he not truly enjoy the "turbulence"? "No I simply refuse to be intimidated by other people. I have not, once, made a personal attack on any one on the other side. Not one. You won't find a single instance.

"But since September you will find a series of attacks on both me and Andrew Benard (the French co-chairman). First me. Then him. Then me. You have two very obstinate and determined chair-He had sev-

ferred to one-'I simply refuse sided personal to be intimidated attacks, did this imply he was in have not, once, management made a personal techniques? "It implies only attack on any one that I don't this on the other side' vituperation is very helpful,

> a man a fool, or something else, in a meeting, but it ends with the meeting. Then it's over." You use words like "fool" when talking to fellow executives? "Only if it is absolutely justified. I don't believe in gratuitous insults ... it is not unnatural for people to occasionally get exasperated."

serves any pur-

Morton said his family, too, wondered aloud about the image he has acquired. "I am a pussy-cat. Not the sort of chap who gets imo tempers and kicks the dog. I can get a bit, well, sharp when I find inefficiency. Or deceit." Alistair Morton, the way he tells

is a man consumed with the idea of getting value for money. Is he, in effect, the ultimate house-wife? His laughter rattled the windows. "Haven't heard that before, but I love it. And it

happens to be true. " Who were the people he kept falling out with? "Some of the Brits and a very few of the French. to the point of view of the French. I admire their engineering and the education."

Does the ancient emnity between us and the French play any part in the turmoil? "None. It is simply not an issue. Benard and I are both international people. He has worked all his life for Shell. I am a South-Africa born, American-experienced person of Scottish descent. The one thing I am not is an Englishman, and I believe you know what I mean by that. My directness is not that of the local product."

Bernard Levin had suggested this week that no sane man would invest money in such a project without a reasonable prospect of finding a diamond field half-way over (Morton giggled), and that more seriously, the only reason banks continued to find money is that they were in too deep to pull out. True? "Yesterday Natwest wrote off £1 billion. They are in to us for £20 million, small change by these standards, and they are the biggest of the 200 banks in the consortium. No, they stay in because it still makes as much sense now as when they came in."

But would it be as easy now to persuade institutions to dig deeply into their funds? "We shall soon see. Somewhere between June and Christmas there will be a rights issue of between £400 and £500 million, the syndicate of banks will be asked for something over one billion. Serious money. So we have got to persuade some pretty hard-headed institutions that this

thing is in working order." Is the project facing a serious threat, or just a delay? "If we go into our meeting with shareholders in May with this sort of noise still going on behind us, then yes. There is a condition in the credit facilities for the £5 billion we have that at all times we must be able to show that we have enough funds committed to the project to complete. Clearly we have been in breach. Temporarily. But if we get to a situation where we could not hold a fund raising, then we would be irrevocably in breach.

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Africa, here we come

As the first sanctions lift. Britain leads a holiday safari to the Cape

n six weeks' time, South African Airways will add a tenth flight to its weekly timetable between Britain and

South Africa.
It will be the first direct scheduled flight from Manchester to Johannesburg, and it is the clearest possible indication of how the Government's voluntary ban on the promotion of travel to South Africa, introduced in 1986, became a mockery even before it was

lifted yesterday.
Mrs Thatcher signalled that the sanction was to be the first to be discarded, after the release of Nelson Mandela, when she said: "We do not believe that in these changed circumstances it is reasonable to discourage tourism or visits to South Africa; it is for individual British citizens to make up their own minds."

For the last couple of years they have been doing that in their thousands. The ban did have some marginal effect when it was first introduced. The number of Britons visiting South Africa fell by nearly a third, to 85,000, as three leading tour firms, Kuoni, Abercrombie & Kent and Tradewinds voluntarily dropped South African destinations from their brochures. In the spirit of the times, Thomas Cook also divested itself of its interest in a South

African subsidiary.

But SAA and the South
African Tourist Board responded by simply boosting
their own advertising and promotional budgets in Britain. A result has been that, according to Phillip Unterhorst, regional manager of South African Airways in the United Kingdom and Ireland: "For the last nine months we've been operating to full capacity." Unterborst says his advertising budget has risen from nothing in 1985 to about £750,000 today. The number of British visitors to



steadily from its low in 1986 to an estimated 130,000, close to its all-time high, last year. Frances Griffith, tours

rector of Tempo Travel, one of the leading British tour firms which ignored the voluntary ban, says the South African advertising (on the theme "See what's happening for yourself") whetted a lot of appetites. "People who went down there found the Rand was weak and the place was good value. It had excellent hotel accommodation and touristic infrastructure. They came back and told their friends. The word got around that South Africa was a good place to spend your holiday."

The country is not a typical package tour destination. According to British Airways, there is "a lot of business traffic". Many tourists stay with families and friends, for an average stay of 31 days. Tempo offers a variety of elements, such as hotels and car hire, so that travellers can build their tours.

Another leading tour operator which did not withdraw its programme is Speedbird Holidays, owned 51 per cent interests of our companies" in

by British Airways, and 49 per cent by the Association of London Travel Agents, which includes members such as Hogg Robinson. Marion Tuckerman, senior product manager, says: "We've seen a quite sensational growth in bookings — up 60 per cent — over the past two years. We have difficulty finding the

ompanies which with-drew in 1986 are beginning to reverse their decisions. John Sim, product manager at Kuoni, says pulting out "was a commercial decision which just happened to coincide with politics" although the company main-tained "tailor-made" holidays. Now it has reintroduced South African destinations into its 1989-90 tour programme and will this year carry an estimated 1,000 visitors on a variety of tours, with prices from £1,443 per person.

Primrose Stobbs, sales and marketing director at Abercrombie & Kent, says that her company withdrew originally "to safeguard the

other African countries, such as Kenya, Tanzania and Zim-babwe. "We couldn't afford to upset them at that stage."
A&K currently has three tours in the republic. It will reintroduce the destination into itsprogramme next year.

No operator or airline is sure whether Mandela's release has led to a further upsurge in demand. "It is early days yet," Kuoni's Sim says. But it is significant that Thomsons, Britain's largest tour operator, is considering putting the country on its programme.

Steve Garley, director of Thomson Worldwide, says: "We are not going to make a decision overnight. But we are planning our 1991 programme and South Africa might well be included. We were not trading there largely because of the political situation. But that situtation is changing. We want to see what is happening there over the next few months before we put it in our programme. It is a wonderful

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n a Times column last week Woodrow Wyan criticized Woodrow Wyan criticized the BBC radio programme, Today, for its leftwing bias. His column was based on a report of the Media Monitoring Unit (a privately-funded, rightwing lobby group) which studied a fortnight in the life of the Today programme and concluded. Today programme and concluded that the programme's approach was nothing short of blatant antigovernment propaganda. Lord Wyatt did not sugar the

pill. He reminded us of the early broadcasting career of Today's presenter, Brian Redhead, who, it seems, played the clarinet on Children's Hour in 1941. "Removing him to a five-year stint on something similar is overdue," concluded Lord Wyatt. Ouch, I thought.

Later in the week, showing its balance and impartiality, The Times ran a column in response by BBC Deputy Director-General John Birt. "The BBC aspires keenly to the concept of impartiality," wrote a temperate Mr Birl.
"In the cut and thrust of a given day this is necessarily an imperfect process - and we constantly seek to improve our performance; but we have no doubt that over a period all significant views receive a full airing." Mmm, I responded as I read that, reaching for more butter on my toast.

The BBC's Mr Birt is right, of course, when he says that you cannot have perfect balance within any single programme, Solomon himself couldn't achieve

'I happen to think a pseudo-Marxist fog is one of the worse pollutants around'

this, nor is it necessary. Only people who do not understand either human nature or the nature of a news and public affairs broadcast would expect it. In so far as one wants balanced programming, it must be within

the spectrum of the year or season. At the same time, one must also agree with Lord Wyatt that it is unlikely you will have balanced programming if most of the people working for the BBC have decidedly unbalanced views. However, having said this, I think we have to accept, much as it may burt, one basic, fundamental fact. In much the same way that we have the flu virus or, in an earlier stage, the bubonic plague, we also have to accept the existence of a virus called the Zeitgeist. This virus affects large blocks of intellectuals, academics and artistic people in any given period in great numbers.

The Zeitgeist changes, of course, and it may be changing now. But for the past 20 years or so, most issues have been viewed by our artistic community through what American author Tom Wolfe aptly described as a "pseudo-Marxist fog". I suppose it wasn't

very dissimilar to that period in the Thirties when George Orwell noted a similar affliction among many of our leading intellectuals. Myself, I deplore this, simply because I happen to think that a pseudo-Marxist fog is one of the worse pollutants around, filtering just about everyone's view of the earth. BBC listeners and viewers, for example, who do not subscribe to a contemporary liberal ethos aren't likely to see or hear a very sympathetic treatment of their viewpoints, whether it is dis-cussions of approaches to child abuse, welfare schemes, foreign aid, or regulatory reform of the

All the same, in my view we can do nothing about this fog, and we ought not to do anything about it because the minute you try to correct the matter you open the door to something much worse. If you try to stop the Zeitgeist by administrative edict or loyalty tests to be given to BBC producers or the imposition of staff quotas of right-thinking personnel - if, in other words, you do the very thing that left-wingers would happily do

stock market - to name but a few



BARBARA AMIEL

if they could, namely re-educate people - you threaten freedom in the most fundamental way. The only thing that we can and should do is to try to influence the Zeitgeist through patient work, such as that of pressure groups like the Media Monitoring Unit, or by good writing, such as that of Lord Wyatt. It is a slow business and a painstaking one, but it is the only

Lord Wyatt, apparently, sent the BBC a questionnaire which, among other matters, asked about the political affiliations of the staff on Today. How did they vote? To which political clubs did they belong? This is fascinating stuff. no doubt, but I think it misses the point. It doesn't really matter to what political party people belong they may well consider themselves Conservatives. It is the cultural assumptions they have that tell one more. For example, you can know everything about a

carries his baby in a harness on his

body like a kangaroo. This is not

foolproof, I know, but it's damn

About 10 years ago, when I was cursing about the ideological bias at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, I thought up a questionnaire for CBC producers myself. It was a variant of James Burnham's test. In his book Suicide of the West, he asked readers to list, in order of importance to them, the terms (1) Freedom, meaning freedom and

liberty of the individual; (2) Liber-

ty, meaning national indepen-

dence and self-government; (3) Justice, in the sense of distributive justice; and (4) Peace, meaning the absence of large-scale warfare. It's a good test and to see whether you are a classic liberal or a postwar liberal, turn to Chapter 9.

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My test was a lot more wordy. It asked for "true or false" responses to questions such as "The prob-lems of the Third World are largely caused by excesses of the First". That's all dated now, but I can't resist suggesting to Lord Wyatt and Mr Birt that if questionnaires are to be dished out to BBC staff, they might come up with a more interesting range than voting preferences. How about the following teasers for Today presenters Sue MacGregor and Brian Redhead:

1 If you could ban only one drug would it be (a) beliadonna (b) opium or (c) nicotine? 2 You are a wealthy person, late for a meeting. Do you (a) get on your bicycle (b) take the Underground (c) call a helicopter or BBC car. Whichever you do, which do you think would have been the moral choice? 3 Faced with two equally awesome dictators, one of whom

has expressed some friendly feelings towards Britain and one of whom has not, which one's latest atrocity will fire you to write a letter of protest sooner? 4 Do you believe the internal combustion engine is antisocial by nature? 5 If you are determined to provide the one job available in your firm to a class that has suffered previous discrimination, will you choose (a) a black male lower-class immigrant (b) a white middle-class woman (c) an upper-class homosexual of either gender? Supplementary question: whichever choice you make, do you agonize

Not every single person is affected by the Zeugeist, although we are all infected by it to some extent. After all, some of the generation of Arthur Koestler saw the fog and came out of it. Once you emerge into the sunshine, from Koestler to Paul Johnson. such people become the most adamant fighters. Myself, I think the Markist fog is dissipating a bit and now is the worst possible time for what Lord Wyatt is demanding - right and well-meaning though he may be. It is not that his analysis is wrong, it is that his prescription is as bad as the disease. All the same, do you find a fur cape covering one's shoulders more immoral than a leather belt holding up someone's trousers? And a supplementary question: have you ever analysed why you think more highly of minks than of cows? I must say, Lord Wyatt's idea is catching.

How ideal is your home?

homes resemble style features of - despite the profusion of

such publications. The reality - Habitat jumbled together with heirlooms, plus a lifelong accumulation of junk - will be celebrated for probably the first time in an "anti-design" exhibition which will open at the Victoria & Albert Museum next Wednesday, and is scheduled to run even longer than the Ideal Home exhibition, until the end of May.

take, giving gallery space to photographs of drab furniture in dingy interiors, socks dry-ing over radiators and sticky kitchen cupboards full of HP Sauce, But it is the organizers' thesis that such scenes will have more relevance to future social historians than all the Laura Ashjey catalogues and colour supplements put

together. Charles Newton, the V&A curator responsible for the exhibition, justifies this return to the grass roots - or, in some cases, the grubby linoleum as a response to "a ground-swell of interest in how people actually live, rather than how design experts say we should live". He attacks the "conspiracy of silence among maga-zines which show 'ideal homes' and an idealized perception of 'lifestyles' ", which can be daunting for real people to attempt to measure up to. In this exhibition, mediocrity is imbued with

The "Household Choices" project has been two years in

Real people don't live in the immaculate interiors shown in

magazines, and the V&A can prove it. Victoria McKee reports

the making, has involved social anthropologists and psychologists and "design theoreticians", and will be supported by a book, a video, a traveiling exhibition, teaching packs and a newsletter. It he end of May. attempts to prove that an it is a bold step for Britain's Englishman's home is not just leading design museum to a castle-in-the-air but a bastion of personal choice, a battleground in which primitive power and territorial to the untutored eye, to de-

> Design at Middlesex Polytechnic, which has coordinated the project with the V&A, says: "What has emerged quite strongly is that people often set the way their home is at a particular time and it stays that way, regardless of what is going on in design magazines." This "time warp" factor means that the home of the Nineties, if there could be said to be such a thing, might have furniture from the Sixties and Seventies and the technology of the Eighties in a framework from

the Fifties. The social anthropologist Daniel Miller, one of the panel of speakers who will participate in a seminar on the opening day of the exhibition, sees the home as "defining the relationship of its occupants

to a set of larger values", with "people using home decoration as a way of trying out different personae. Even people who do not expect visitors are having dialogues through their bomes with a larger outside world." That seems to invest some

of the dreary interiors to be displayed with a greater significance than they appear,

iller, who has reof the council houses, discovered that "men tend to define themselves in terms of the physical transformation of the kitchen and women with the aesthetics, so that often contemporary show-home, changing the kitchen was seen as an exchange of labour between men and women which defined their social relationships with each

The "design theoretician" Valerie Swales, who will also be on the panel, sees the home as a battleground between the particular study among fam- of the exhibition.

ilies in the Birmingham area on "how people arrange their lives to achieve maximum

"People become very primitive and territorial," she says. "A woman can feel a room is really bers until her husband comes in and it becomes his. Maybe he'll sit in the dominant chair, or maybe he'll bring in his papers and take over. One husband had his computer deak in the bedroom and his wife put make-up by it and he'd always hurl it into the bin.

Swales has found "a general acknowledgement that the woman has more of an eye for design than the man - although often she has to scheme to get what she wants and makes the budgand thinks struggles are carried out, and a serve. But the enthusiastic it's his idea". She has met no coccon providing succour in a experts involved in the ex- one, she insists, who looks to hibition are able to invest the the design industry for in-Tim Putnam, director of the placing of a plant pot on a spiration, and says the people and an idealized way of living. don't have loads of money to had socks on the radiator — amused."

MA course in the History of particular stair with the im- she spoke to "regard design". portance of a major design experts as untrustworthy and out of touch".

Most people copy ideas from friends, her research has cently done a shown, rather than from the pages of magazines - even if they enjoy reading the maga-

Although there will be a section in the exhibition entitled "Ideal Homes", featuring a room set from a this is almost to be held up to ridicule tather than as an example of an ideal. But Putnam concedes that the design revolution has trickled through, even to "people who traditionally didn't decorate" and the proliferation of glossy interiors market would appear sexes. She has been doing a to contradict the basic premise

nior and youth wing of the



The way we live: design theoretician Valerie Swales in the favourite corner of her home -- "a battleground between the sexes"

Dee Nolan, editor of the Some magazines can be too spend." And Min Hogg, editor but hopefully not when our magazine Metropolitan aspirational, but ours will not of Conde Nast's World of home is being photographed. Home, to be launched in be bringing in the props. We Interiors, says: "We do houses What is the V&A thinking of, which is the V&A thinking of, and the condensate of the same of the spend." And Min Hogg, editor but hopefully not when our magazine when the same of the same Britain in September, empha-sizes that there is "a great gap homes, and it is possible to like it or not. And people must exhibition? I don't think between socks on a radiator giv

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In The Times on Saturday Michael Palin, actor, author, So his mother, already in comic, talks to Ray Connolly





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nonymity is the fear of every ambitious politican, particularly in the era of the sound-bite and photoopportunity. But voter recognition can be double-edged, as Labour's Campaigns Coordinator discovered on a journey back to London after a day in the Mid-Staffordshire constituency, where a by-election is ex-pected two days after the Budget.

A young man and woman sitting opposite him in the carriage were apparently engrossed by this very newspaper, and were writing on the front page. When they got off, a curious Cunningham picked up the paper. The scribbled words were "The person sitting opposite is Dr John Cunningham!", but underneath was written: "It's a pity he

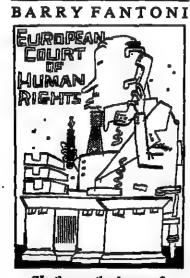
doesn't iron his shirts."
One of the smartest of the designer socialists on Labour's frontbench, Cunning-ham sped after the couple, intent on a stylish response. As he handed over the paper, telling them they had left behind classified information, the woman burst out laughing. Her companion stomped off, clearly a voter beyond the call of canvassing.

he guest list for the lunch celebrating Edward Heath's 40 years as an MP was a handsome tribute to a career spent in the bosom of the British establishment. Even more remarkable than the roll call of the great and good who graced the occasion was a second list of 175 names, including Richard Nixon, Dr Henry Kissinger and Sir Roy Welensky, the former Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and Lee Kuan Yew, who sent messages of support but were unable to view this spectacle of the Conservative Party on its best behaviour.

But the international aspect of Heath's career was upheld by the appearance of Sir is tainty when it came to Shridath Ramphal, Secretary General of the Nicaragua, the little isthmus Commonwealth, whose presence was much state whose revolutionary govremarked upon by Tory MPs of the party's drier persuasion. One who asked why Ramphal, along with the Archbishop of Canterbury, had been put on the top table with the Prime Minister, received the tart reply from a colleague: "Because Thatcher distinct them both."

 Marked by their absence from the thrash were the surviving Labour luminaries from Heath's generation. As the right-wing Conservative MP for Norfolk North West, Henry Bellingham, commented afterwards: "The only Labour supporters there were the Archbishops of Canterbury and York."

dministrative slips are rarely matters A for resignation, but civil servants recently gave Malcolm Rifkind a few uneasy moments. Two letters from the Secretary of State for Scotland, offering appointments to public bodies, were recently sent inadvertently to the wrong people. When the error was discovered, two new letters, destined for the right people, were drafted by civil servants and taken to Rifkind's office from him to sign. On the outside of the folder were the ominous words: "Minister, will you please re-sign?"



I'll tell you our verdict'

iplomatic manoeuvring has clearly been going on in earnest in the runup to next week's inauguration ceremony for the Anglo-Irish inter-parliamentary body. Initially, the second plenary session was to have been on "Issues of Common Concern between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, but sensibilities being what they are, that has disappeared, to be replaced by the more anodyne "Open Session".

t a United States Chamber of A Commerce lunch, a former US ambassador to Britain, Ed Streator, finished his introduction of the Chairman of the Conservative Party, Kenneth Baker, with words that must have been music to his ears. Having listed Baker's previous jobs, he went on to say that the chamber was pleased to have as its guest the leader of the Conservative Party. Renowned for his Cheshire Cat smirk, Ken Baker managed not to blush - but neither did he correct the

ast month the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee began an investigation into the impact of the Crown Prosecution Service on the criminal justice system. There has been much public criticism of the service, some perfectly justified, but much inaccurate, misconceived or misdirected. The media have had a field-day. There has been talk of "a crisis", "a feud" and even "war" between the police and the CPS. The true position is much more prosaic: there are indeed substantial problems to resolve, but there is no crisis, no

It is only proper that as a government department the service is subject to detailed scrutiny and held to account for shortcomings. However, I would like to correct some misconceptions about the "miserable performance" of the service in the articles and leader published in The Times this week.

Since the service began it has dealt with about five million cases. In the crown court an average 85 per cent of defendants plead guilty or are found guilty, and in the magistrates' court the figure is over 90 per cent. More people are pleading Allan Green, Director of Public Prosecutions, replies to criticism of the performance of his Crown Prosecution Service

Not guilty as charged

guilty because of better prepared cases. These facts do not disclose "service in crisis".

The reports have contained inaccuracies and half-truths. Some have been addressed in the letter from Brian McArdle, the Chief Crown Prosecutor for Inner Loudon; published yesterday, but let me correct one ding account which appeared under the headline, Police lax in supplying evidence'". The article reported allegations that the CPS did not like to prosecute cases based solely on fingerprint evidence. Reference was made to a burglary case dropped despite evidence of a fingerprint at the scene. The point was that the fingerprint was outside the house, which was empty and under renovation. The CPS correalistic prospect of conviction.

prosecution accepted that a prosecution should be brought and continued only if the evidence provides a realistic prospect of a conviction and is in the public interest. The is not always easy; many cases present prosecutors with a challenging exercise of judge-ment. They are only able to do their job if they are supplied with the right tools by the investigating authorities. No prosecutor can stand up in court and conduct a case without papers; he requires in good time an accurate, reliable, legible and complete file of the case, and it is

police is crucial. I readily accept that the service had a difficult beginning. Although the CPS was in-

regrettable that this is not always

forthcoming. Here the role of the

troduced with the blessing of all political parties, many police officers were understandably dismayed at the loss of their power to decide whether the prosecutions they brought should con-tinue. The service was launched in a hurry in 1986 when there was already a nationwide shortage of lawyers, and initially it failed to provide the salaries or career structure to attract and retain lawyers of the right calibre in sufficient numbers. Because of its need to man the courts, the service had to rely on a large corps of agents — solicitors or barristers in private practice - to conduct many of its cases in the magistrates' courts. Some of the agents were competent but some were not. For a variety of reasons the use of agents was unsatisfactory; they cost more to

put into court than in-house lawyers, and made far greater

In London the problems were

most acute. In other areas, especially those in which there had been well-established county prosecuting solicitors' departments, the transition was easier. The efforts of a specially appointed recruitment team are beginning to bear fruit. The service began with 1,213 law-yers; that figure is now 1,562, an

increase of over 25 per cent. The current shortfall of about 23 per cent reflects the higher target number of lawyers needed to deal with the increased workload. In the first six months of 1989-90, reliance on agents has been reduced from 35 to 25 per cent nationally. Although there are still problems, notably in London, discussions with people outside the CPS on my frequent journeys round the country have

confirmed that in most of England and Wales the service is operating generally to the satisfaction of the police, courts and public. A substantial increase in the number of senior posts has recently been approved, with a change in the promotion arrangements by which lawyers can have a natural career progression. The service will benefit from these initiatives; the sponsored pupillage and articled clerk schemes are oversubscribed; experienced lawyers are also being recruited into the service, and there has been a significant response to advertisements.

The investigation and prose-cution of offences must be in the hands of independent professionals co-operating to a common end. The CPS will continue to play its part by building on the commitment of its existing staff, by continuing to recruit people of competence and enthusiasm, and further reducing its reliance on agents. The service will also do all it can to foster the good relations with the police which already exist in most areas.

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There is no room for complacency about the performance of the CPS. Nor is there any cause for doom-laden talk of crisis.

Charles Bremner on the unexpected progress of Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua's election campaign

Bouncing back in the backyard

or the best part of a decade, the White House proclaimed one cerernment so tormented Reagan administration: if the people were given the chance to vote in a fair election, the Sandinista comandantes and their half-way Leninist regime would swiftly be shown the door. That chance arrives on Sunday, almost 11 years after Daniel Ortega and his comrades shot their way to power with the help of a middle-class uprising egainst Anastasio Somoza, the American-backed dictator whose family had run the country like a private firm. But to the dismay of old-guard Resganites, and to the delight of leftist sympathizers in Western Europe and the Americas, the outcome

of the election is far from certain. Although, in a pert of the world with no experience of free elections, opinion polls are unreliable (speaking your mind to a stranger can be dangerous), most have shown Ortega ahead of Violeta Chamorro and her United National Opposition (UNO), a fractious coalition cobbled together on American advice last spring. UNO spans two communist parties, local business interests, former Contra officials, and even some elements of Somoza's hated

National Guard. Even its US sponsors acknowledge that UNO's campaign has been poorly managed, but in the past two weeks it has enjoyed a palpable surge. This culminated in central Managua on Sunday in a raily attended by some 50,000 people, making it easily the biggest display of opposition to

The huge gathering was tesmony to something Chamorro and her aides have been saying all along that the opinion polls belie the pent-up anger towards the Frenie, as the Sandinista front is called, among a people weary of penury and wartime hardship. Chamorro, something of a Cory Aquino in her role as the widow of a martyred hero, says she is convinced that the rage is so great that "the only way we can lose is through fraud".

Sunday's rally surprised even some UNO officials, who had resigned themselves to the idea that the Sandinists were on the way to winning the popular mandate that they have been obliged to seek under regional peace accords, as the price of ending the Contra war and getting the United States off their backs. If they succeed, much credit must go to their new-found talents at old-fashioned electionecring.

he president has shed his dour, revolutionary demeanour in favour of the style of an imageconscious campaign star, while the electoral machine has adopted pork-barrel patronage tactics that would make a Chicago ward heeler blush. For example, at rallies they distribute toys - a rarity in Nicaragua's devastated economic landscape - and T-shirts. They are sending birthday telegrams to all citizens, promising to mend the plumbing in every village they visit.

More controversial is the way the Sandinistus have been able to draw on all the state resources they control - from army transport to most of the media - to reinforce their message. This

regimes in other Latin states that Washington considers democratic, but it is providing the

critics with some ammunition for declaring the election a fraud. Declaring the election fraudslent remains an American option if Doña Violeta loses, but it is unlikely if, as expected, distinguished foreign observers pro-claim the exercise to have been more or less fair. No election has been so scrutinized by outsiders. Hundreds of observers - from the Organization of American States, the United Nations and former President Jimmy Carter's private Centre - have been watching the campaign. So far, both Carter and Elliot Richardson, the chief UN observer, have reported the contest to be reasonably fair.

Complaints about an uneven playing field have come not just from the opposition. The Sandinistas are accusing the Americans of unacceptable interference. The Contra rebels, kept together by Congress, are still ambushing government forces and civilians; the United States has provided \$12.5 million to help Chamorro, and it is promising Nicaragua a host of benefits to help it recover from its current

The Sandinistas privately concede that US support cuts both ways. As resentful as many Nicaraguans undoubtedly are towards the Sandinistas for inflicting their brand of ramshackle, tropical Marxism on the country, the Frente still enjoys loyalty as the patriotic force that threw off the Americans and held Reagan at bay through a war that cost 35,000 lives. As much as Nicaragnans admire and envy Yankee prosperity, many of the 1.7 million voters



harbour considerable bitterness towards the US for its long record of intervention, going back to the mid 19th century. President Bush's eviction of Manuel Noriega and Panama's reversion to colonial status was powerful fuel for the Frente's case. The ransacking of Nicaragua's diplomatic residence in Panama by US troops was icing on their electoral cake. If Chamorro wins, Washington will rejoice at yet more evidence of popular common sense in the face of dictatorship. As recently as a couple of years ago, the prospect of a Sandinista electoral triumph would have triggered paroxysms in Washington. The Sandinistas were, as Reagan liked to remind everyone, a Soviet-armed regime only two-days' drive from Harlinger Texas. But no one in the Bush

administration is losing any

sleep. With the East-West element now all but evaporated from the southern hemisphere, the White House acknowledges that a continuing revolutionary state in its backyard will amount to little more than a missace.

icaragoa's politics, say the new realists in the administration, were anyway always more about home-grown feuds than about the ideological struggle. James Baker, the Secretary of State, says the US would move to disband the Contras after a clean election and restore nonmal relations, if it were satisfied that the Sandinistra had stopped shipping surface-to-air missiles and other equipment to the leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

The Sandinistas, chastened after a decade in power, and isolated in an unsympathetic world, will probably be prepared to accept a measure of compromise for the sake of an end to the US embargo. They are aware they can hardly dictate terms at a time when the only Latin states Washington feels compelled to take an interest in are those

involved in the comine trade. Though loath to admit it, not everyone in Washington is hoping for a Chamorro triumph. It might be safer, they say, for the region if the people opt a little longer for the Sandinista devil they know, rather than anointing a woman who appears ill-prepared to run a country, particularly at the head of such disparate factions. Behind this thinking lies the belief among some diplomats in Managua that the Sandinistas are unlikely to hand over power if they lose, which might entail further involvement by the United States, at a time when Bush wants to move Central America far down his list of concerns.

A possible third scenario is that Chamorro will win political office, but Ortega and the Sandinistes will insist on retaining control of the "Sandinista People's Army". Though hardly desirable from the point of view of democracy, such a coexistence of civilian government and a politically powerful military would continue a very old Latin American tradition.

Time to check our weapons, not sell them

rs Thatcher is right: this is not the time for Nato to be reducing its armed forces in Europe. There is no need for the "bold initiative" that some have carelessly called for. There is no need at all to take the risks with our security that they have advocated. It is naive and irresponsible to call for cuts in military expenditure and to suggest that the savings be squandered on a domestic

spending spree.

If anything recent events in Eastern Europe have sounded the harsh siren of caution, if not alarm. No sensible military strategist, no self-respecting states-man, begins to dismantle his defences at the moment of maximum international uncertainty. This is the time to ensure that the gunpowder is dry and that the engines of war are well oiled. It is certainly not sensible to argue that tanks should be transformed into tractors, that the Yanks should be sent home, or the troops brought back, when no one can say with any certainty

Robert Kilroy-Silk argues that strong defence was never more important where the grave and seemingly what kind of government will be

in office in any of the East European countries — including the Soviet Union - next week, And there are some frighten-

ing possibilities. The potential problems of the two Germanies are enough to cause nightmares. It is not merely, as some argue, that a reunified, reinvigorated Germany may want to expand or reclaim its former territories (though that is possible); equally worrying is the possibility that a united Germany will become so economically and politically un-stable as to be vulnerable to a coup by the left or the right. In these circumstances, it

would be prudent to maintain at the least the present strength of conventional Nato forces in Europe. If nothing else, their presence on German soil might inhibit a putsch. But, of course, the real centres of danger are further east. That is

insoluble problems are festering. Romania is fast degenerating into anarchy and civil war. The heads of Fascism, Nazism, and anti-Semitism rear menacingly there and virtually everywhere else in the Soviet empire. Some very nasty-looking gov-cruments are in prospect. Soon they will be at one another's throats. Already there is hardly a square mile of Gorbachov's territory where the various ethmic groups and nationalities are not fighting one another or squaring up for a show-down. Some long-held grievances have

The Moldavians want to separate from the Ukraine. The Ukraine seeks to leave the Soviet Union. So do Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, as well as Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. and almost every other

yet to be settled.

the ethnic Germans in the Soviet Union, or the Silesian Germans in Poland? Will they want to stay put? Will they be allowed to? And there is the problem of the Muslims in Bulgaria, Albania and Yugo-slavia, to name but three potential Islamic hot-spots; and the difficulties of the Hungarians in Romania and the Albanians in Yugoslavia

Nato's conventional forces mot be expected to intervene in these places, but they might, by their very existence, prevent some of the chaos spreading into Greece, Turkey and Western Europe. They might help to hold the line.

In such a deeply unsettling situation, one does not have to have a nostalgic view of the cold war, as Neil Kinnock accuses the Prime Minister of having to want to hold on to nuclear meanwhile, what happens to the extreme to dispose of them.

There is no need to share Mrs. Thatcher's fears of a Middle Eastern country obtaining nuclear weapons to make the case for their retention by Britain. A terrorist state much nearer home may get hold of them.

Boris Yeltsin has already warned that the KGB might well mount a counter-revolution against Gorbachov. There is overwhelming evidence of a strong, disciplined and ideologically motivated cadre of Stalinists in the Soviet Union. What happens if Gorbachov fails and they succeed? Can we be sure they will be men we can do husiness with? Hardly. No one can foresee what will

happen. If one could, one would have predicted the recent and momentous changes. No one did. Each of the revolutions in Eastern Europe burst upon us like a surprise Christmas

end of the year. What happens, for example, if the Soviet Union does disintegrate into a mass of warring nationalities? What happens if the republics get hold of nuclear weapons? Presumably there are nuclear missiles in Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia and the Ukraine. Presumably there are people there who know which button to press. Do we feel so secure that we are willing to run the risk of being blackmailed and bullied by an East European equivalent of the Ayatollah or Gadaffi?

The Soviet Union can afford to reduce its defence spending and its armed forces because it has no choice and no enemy. The West has the economic strength to be able to make its own choices, and has dozens of potential enemies. Mrs Thatcher, thank goodness, knows this. That is why she is still Prime Minister and Neil Kinnock leads the Opposition.

As I type, the gypsy ring on my third finger, right hand, jiggles. After a hundred words or so, the weight of its solitaire diamond will have turned the ring back to front. The ring will have shuffled around my finger, leaving the diamond on the palm side. It will do this because it is a big heavy diamond, and the ring is slightly too large for my finger.

I do not know why it is called a gypsy ring. It is not the kind of ring you see on gypsies. Were a doorstep bunch of lucky white heather to be shoved in your face, the hand bunching it would not have a ring like this on it. A ring like this is a lousy marketing feature if you are begging door-todoor: the shank contains so much gold, that when you put it on, your hand drops to your side. Were I a frailer man, I should

Not only is it not a gypsy's ring.

Diamonds are a mug's best mate

it is not a hack's ring either. I know a lot of writers, and I have never seen a ring like this on any of them. I saw Freddie Forsyth notice it once, and after he had noticed it, he shot his cuff over his wrist, because his Rolex Oyster wasn't in the same league. Jeffrey Archer clocked it and said Where did you get that?" and I have never known him put that question to anyone else, because his researchers can generally be counted on to find out all about anything, and for a man like Jeffrey to do his own asking means that this a very special ring

It is the ring of an almostvillain. A ducker-and-diver, a bit of that. The manager of a couple of iffy middleweights, perhaps, or the proprietor of three gravel pits and a health club which keeps changing addresses. It is a ring which gives every impression of having been bought with dodgy notes by someone who had to launder money fast. And a hard man, too. It is a ring which adds a good few ounces to the fist; it suggests that were you to get on the wrong side of its owner, and were he to be standing between you and the door, then you might find yourself in what men with rings like this call a



you wear a ring like this while you are hacking, it does something to your style. Days when I wear it, I use a lot less syllables, and I don't call them fewer syllables. If If you are a hack, however, and Hemingway had been a gypsy, I

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gypsy ring. Why, then, have I got it? I have got it because it is an beirloom. A year ago, two days before my old man died (if I were not wearing the ring when I typed that, I would have called him my father), he took his had out from under the hospital blanket and asked me to take the ring off, because he was running out of energy and the ring had been on his finger a long time. We both had to tug a bit, but then it came off, and I put it on. As rites of sage go, you would be pressed to find neater.

My old man was not dodgy. He was hard, but he was not dodgy. It

dodgy, and also hard; he was so hard that when he died he left the ring to my father rather than to his own son, because his own son was dodgier than anybody, and the ring would have been bocked before my maternal grandfather's box had dropped the full distance. Both my maternal grandfather and his son were gamblers, and they always owed people mo but whereas the people didn't come after my grandfather because he would have thumped them, they always came after my uncle, because he would get hold of something to hock, and pay up. That was what my grandfather

hated about him most of all.

So I have the ring now; but am I hard and dodgy enough for it? Yesterday, I went to have it valued for probate, because I forgot to mention it last year, and the noise I heard as I walked in was my old man's old-man-in-law spinning in his grave at the thought of grandfathering someone who worried about coming the Probate Office. "It's a big stone," said the man

with the thing in his eye. "Worth five thousand, if it was any good," "Isn't it any good?" I said. "It has a horrible flaw," he said.

"But a lot of gold," I observed.
"A lot of nine-carat gold," he said. "I'll put it down for £100."
"Don't bother," I said, and I took it back, and walked out. You would have shrunk to the wall as I passed. Here was a man prepared to conceal £100 from the Probate Office. Hard, you would have said, dodgy.

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JAPAN'S TROUBLED FUTURE

In theory, the Liberal Democratic Party's unexpectedly convincing electoral victory ends a period of exceptional political uncertainty in Japan. Both for good and for ill, however, the party's re-established control of the Lower House does not quite mean business as usual.

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The LDP is on notice that it will in future have to take more account of public opinion not only of Japan's increasingly articulate consumers, but of its supporters in business, who were quick to remind the party this week that they expect it to introduce political and electoral reforms. The temptation to resume the customary jockeying for power may be tempered by the recognition that the voters expect the LDP to bring in younger men, a demand reflected in the first round of party appointments.

That does not necessarily mean that Japan will be more accommodating in its dealings with the outside world. The campaign was intensely parochial. Not only were Japan's new international responsibilities ignored; concessions made during the campaign, such as the promise to maintain barriers against rice imports, will limit the new government's room for manoeuvre in international negotiations. Its defeat in last summer's elections for the Upper House means, moreover, that it will have to deal with a highly protectionist opposition in pushing through the market-opening legislation for which its trade partners are pressing.

Even before the announcement of the new Cabinet, the government has been reminded that one part of the international agenda will not wait - the state of US-Japanese relations. On Tuesday the US Defence Secretary, Mr Dick Cheney, arrived in Tokyo to announce plans to reduce the 50,000-strong US military presence in Japan, simultaneously seeking a substantial increase in Japan's contributions to the upkeep of those that remain. He was given a polite lecture on Japan's perception of the continued Soviet military threat,

Yesterday a negotiating team arrived from Washington to resume negotiations on the "structural impediments" to economic co-

operation between the two countries. Put politely, the American objective is to alter deep-rooted practices - the low savings rate in the US as well as a Japanese distribution system that militates against foreign traders which contribute to the trade imbalance. In reality, the US is seeking early Japanese commitments to reduce trade barriers in forest products, satellites and super-computers, enforce fair bidding rules in the construction industry, and promote the establishment of large stores which would be more hospitable to foreign imports than Japan's networks of small shopkeepers.

All these are political, not technical, issues in Japan: the US is in effect asking the LDP to alienate the bedrock of its political support. Yet the strong anti-Japanese sentiment already evident on Capitol Hill means that in the absence of agreement, hostilities could open in

The impact on the global economy in general, and this year's all-important international Uruguay Round in particular, would be considerable. Awareness of the stakes reflected in the nervousness on the Tokyo Stock Exchange this week - should spur agreement, but possibly at the cost of increasing Japanese resentments against what many people see as unfair external pressures to change not just their trading practices, but their cultural traditions.

There is no international interest in fanning these resentments, but Japan must meet its critics half way. Japan's economy remains set for steady growth; its per capita GNP is expected to exceed that of the United States by 45 per cent within five years. Its reach is global: the recovery of Eastern Europe will to a critical extent depend on its financial and managerial commitments, and its international aid budget now amounts to \$11 billion a year. Political wisdom and flexibility will be needed if Japan is to surmount what LDP leaders are already saying will be a "harsh period" of adjustment. The quality of the new Cabinet will provide a clearer indication than last Sunday's vote of the LDP's willingness to rise to the challenge.

VICTIM'S CHARTER

Victims of crime are firmly established as "the foremost priority" in the Government's integrated approach to criminal justice, the Home Office said yesterday. Anyone who has ever been a victim or felt sympathy for one might appland that unequivocal statement, made yesterday with the launch by Mr David Waddington, QC, the Home Secretary, of a "Victim's Charter".

The movement to cater for their needs has been gathering momentum. Most recently the Select Committee on Home Affairs said victims of violent crime were being injured twice over because of a "scandalous" backlog of claims awaiting attention at the publiclyfunded Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Yet iewer than a quarter of vict violent crime apply for compensation.

The board will need to draw increasingly on Government resources. An additional 60 staff were announced yesterday along with an extra £17 million available for payments through the scheme in the coming financial year. The board paid out more than £69 million in 1988 to victims of violent crime and there is a backlog of more than 90,000 cases.

There can be no quarrel with arrangements to provide support for victims either after crime or when they have to go to court as witnesses. The charter admits that because many court buildings are old and without nearby space it is not always possible to find separate waiting rooms for witnesses and for people facing charges. " Everyone recognizes that this can be intimidating to witnesses, and is not at all ideal." That is an understatement. Intimidation of witnesses may in an extreme case pervert justice.

The charter is more controversial in referring to the victim's influence on the decision whether to take criminal proceedings: "In deciding whether a prosecution is in the public interest the Crown Prosecutor will also take into account the interests of the victim."

That may be admirable in principle, but as the charter recognizes, a prosecution may for other reasons not be justified and thus not proceeded

There must be similar reservations about the police taking into account the view of the victim in deciding whether to start proceedings. It may be said that the police will not be swayed in their decision, but if there is not that possibility, what is the point of taking such views into account? The only convincing justification in the charter is that if there is a caution the case never comes before the court so there is no prospect of an order to compensate the victim. Some might argue it is right that the victim's plea in that respect

Victims and their families can also express their misgivings about possible release of a life sentence prisoner, so that they can be taken into account in deciding what restrictions there should be on where the offender works or lives. While anxieties should as far as possible be allayed, the need for rehabilitating the offender should not be forgotten either if he is returning to his home area with a better chance there of not reoffending.

Priority is being given to the victim in other ways. When an offender is convicted, the court must always consider ordering him to pay some compensation. This must come ahead of a fine if the court is considering both.

The charter is a valuable description of what is being done for victims. The Government would be wrong, however, to make the victim "firmly established as the foremost priority" in its integrated approach to criminal justice. The implication has not been thought through. The victim is important and has correctly been given more aid. But it is the public interest which must always be considered the "foremost priority." Pre-court decisions made in the name of justice must remain biased in favour of no one.

UNREST IN NEPAL

Nepal's unique constitution and the future of its crown looked more doubtful than ever last night after nearly a third of the country's parliamentarians issued a statement openly challenging the government. A former Prime Minister, six ex-ministers and two legislators nominated by the king signed the document amid continuing violence and threats of civil action.

Their criticism would seem to be well justified. With five more deaths reported from the capital Kathmandu and further demonstrations planned for Sunday, the power structure headed by the monarch King Birendra is coming under pressure which may in the end prove overwhelming.

Popular protest in Nepal is not new, but the last wave fizzled out five years ago without attaining the dimensions of the present one. With the inspiration of Eastern Europe to draw on, those calling for urgent radical reform have been undeterred by harsh government reaction. Now there is evidence of deep divisions in the national legislature.

At the core of the trouble is the power of the crown. In 1960 the then king scrapped his father's brief experiment with a multi-party parliamentary system and created a network of local panchayats, or non-party councils, with a national panchayat, or parliament, in the capital. Real power, however, remained with the throne. It was, he maintained, the dependence of Nepal's political parties on foreign powers, particularly India, which necessitated the change. He also argued that as Nepal had never been a colony, it could not simply imitate Western democratic institutions but had to devise a system of its own.

Although intellectuals and the small urban middle class resented the change, the illiterate peasant majority remained unquestioningly

loyal to the throne. A referendum in 1980 confirmed support for the panchayat system. Opposition to the system has steadily mounted

As the kingdom's middle classes grew, so did their frustration with the political straitjacket in which they found themselves. They began to see the absence of democracy as the fount of increasing corruption, censorship and chronic economic problems. The election of a new government in India, committed to refurbishing the country's own democracy, may also have encouraged the leaders of the present protest movement.

So far King Birendra's only answer has been to repress the strikes and demonstrations. More than 700 people have been arrested while the police have opened fire on the protesters. The opposition has been weakened by the detention of so many of its leaders and many others have been driven underground, but reports from Kathmandu suggest that the call for change will not easily be silenced.

Nepal's politicians have until now been loyal to the throne and are calling for nothing more revolutionary than a constitutional monarchy. If the reform movement continues to be thwarted, however, it may well be taken over by extremists, notably by Nepal's newly united communist factions, who will want to see the

monarchy abolished. The time has therefore come for the king to make sensible concessions. He needs to reestablish calm and to win back the disaffected classes. By restoring the right of political parties to function in a fully fledged parliament he would probably satisfy the aspirations of the moderate majority. By standing firm against the rising ride of protest he runs an increasing risk of being swept aside by it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From the Executive Director of

BUPA Hospitals
Sir, On February 1 and 19 you referred to a BUPA hospital charging £168 for a "swab". The

charge was actually for eight microbiological swabs, including

pathological investigation and

essociated consultants' fees. The

insurance company, Western Pro-vident Association (WPA), was

aware of this before your second

You also referred on February

on of dobutamine and

19 to BUPA Hospital Leeds charging £982.96 for a 250 mg.

£580.84 to another patient. This is also incorrect. The larger figure

quoted includes the lower and was

for multiple injections given on

separate occasions throughout one

This particular patient was in

hospital for over nine weeks,

almost half of which was spent in

intensive care, following major

cardiothoracic surgery. He has

insurance company (WPA) has,

after receiving a full explanation

of our charges, agreed to meet his

The bill for the elderly patient

who underwent a cataract opera-

tion at BUPA Hartswood Hospital

includes the cost for the lens

implant itself and an expensive

drug used prior to implant. The schedule of charges forwarded to

such patients prior to admissio

clearly states that "special items

such as lenses will be charged

separately, as will any extra drugs

The charges made by BUPA

hospitals are negotiated and

agreed with the major private

health insurance companies and reflect the fair cost of providing

the treatment concerned in mod-

era purpose-built hospitals. If

patients have any queries about

their bills, the hospital manager will always be pleased to deal with

France and Britain might then be

able jointly to provide the forces

needed on the ground in the central and eastern parts of a

reunited Germany in a manner

which would be acceptable to

Germany, would reassure Germa-

my's eastern and southern neigh-

bours and guarantee Germany's

links with the West. But it is not

easy to see how the leap to such

Something much more like an

organisation with a command

structure and less like a talking

shop would need to be developed

out of, or in place of, the Western

European Union - perhaps

requiring a new or revised Brussels Treaty. Such an organisation

cannot be provided by the European Community. And it cannot be achieved without France. It

would be a misfortune for this

country if it were to be achieved

Can I reserve a couple of seats now

47 Dove Park, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex.

From Professor W. H. R. Lumsden

Sir, Your report, "Cash crisis imminent at Channel tunnel"

(Business & Finance, February

16), took me back to my

schooldays when we were taught about the South Sea Bubble of 1720, I didn't remember the

details of it, so I went to consult

Trevelyan. He says that it was a

"mania of speculation", an "era of stock-jobbing", and that the "Government itself was carried

Is the tunnel now to be our Channel Bubble, and if so, who will be our Robert Walpole?

Yours faithfully, W. H. RUSSELL LUMSDEN,

16a Merchiston Crescent,

Edinburzh 10.

into the whirlpool".

one day without Britain. Yours faithfully,

REGINALD HIBBERT,

Machynlleth, Powys.

for my 2003 holiday?

Sincerely yours, FRANK SELBY,

Prondeg.

February 20.

Pennal.

dispositions might be made.

Yours sincerely

Abbey View,

Hertfordshire.

February 20.

St Albans,

Executive Director.

38/40 The Maltines.

ALAN HODGKINSON,

and consumables required".

petient's stay in hospital.

report

Private patients and their bills

From Dr R. M. H. Lefever Sir, As a general practitioner in fully private practice I am in a good position to observe the fees charged by private specialists and in private hospitals and to judge whether these are reasonable (reports, February 1 and 19, letter, February 19).

A surgeon told me that he would, of course, be seeing a patient for two follow-up visits because the insurance company would pay". For a benign cyst this had little clinical justification. I believe that such a patently mercenary approach is sensed by the patient who then may question my own clinical judgement and impartiality and even wonder if I, as the referring doctor, take a financial cut from those fees.

A private hospital charged a total of £350 for drugs and dressings for a patient who had simply fallen down some steps and jarred her back. The quantities dispensed in no way corre-sponded to the quantities given to the patient nor to the clinical need. The patient herself pointed this out to me.

There are black sheep in any profession and there is no absolute scale by which a level of clinical investigation or treatment or a fee can always be judged to be reasonable or fair. Furthermore, there is the check and balance in that referring doctors will not refer and nationts themselves will not return if they feel that clinical care is being treated merely as a financial commodity.

However, the private medical insurance companies could do more to police their own system. For example, why do they use the National Health Service as their appointee of accredited specialists? Are they frightened of upsetting vested interests by making their own judgements? Further, is it appropriate that this accreditation should automatically be for life rather than on audited performance of the work they do, costs they incur, and hospitals they use?

In all this the private sector could be a shining example to the NHS, rather than be overtaken by the excellent proposals for NHS reform introduced by the secretary of state

Sincerely, ROBERT LEFEVER, 2a Pelham Street, SW7.

Future of Europe

From Sir Reginald Hibbert Sir, There is no difficulty in agrecing warmly in principle with Professor Geoffrey Lee Williams (February 19) that in present circumsusnos common sense dictates closer Anglo-French cooperation in the defence field. That has long been the case. The difficulty is to find practical ways

France tends to be readier with broad generalisations about cooperation than with the sort of specific proposals on which effective cooperation depends. Britain tends to insist on Nato as the only possible framework, which is unacceptable to France.

It is possible to see, in theory, the merits of an active Europe defence organisation which could form the front line in central Europe while the United States, linked with it through Nato, formed the second line. It is just possible that France

might be induced to play a full part and a forward role in such an organisation, and that Germany,

Channel tunnel traffic

From Mr Frank Selby

Sir, Eurotunnel's finance director tells us (February 20) that Bernard Levin's 12,000 daily (on average) passengers are less than a quarter of the number expected by his organisation in AD 2003. As Levin (February 19) speaks of £60, which is surely the return and not the one-way fare, I assume he means half the number each way.

The resulting 17.5 million people expected by Eurotunnel to cross our tunnel customs point every year - in and out added together - prompt four questions: How many of those are foreigners? How many more millions will cross our shores by air and water through the other exits and en-

How many of the 17.5 million will be bunched together in July and August?

Healthy food

From Mr Geoffrey Cannon Sir, Mr Levin (February 15) seems to think that anybody who wants legislation on food with public health in mind is a puritan and a fanatic. This was the view of greedy Victorians who blocked legislation requiring closed sewers, saying that such reform was a tyranny and a threat to the rights of the people to drink filthy water.

One example. Manufacturers should be required by law to state clearly on labels how much sugar their packaged products contain. By this means customers will be able to make informed choices.

as recommended by the recent Department of Health report on sugars and health, will more readily be able to do so.

125 Old Brompton Road, SW7. February 19.

Loan voices From Mr B. S. Smith

Sir, in both your reports (February 12 and 13) of Mr Air Morris's Public Records 1958 (Amendment) Bill, designed to allow the Public Record Office to transfer to Australia one of the two original copies of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900, I note the use of the phrase "permanent loan or gift".

In everyday speech "indefinite"

Anybody who wishes to cut down,

Scientists who speak in defence of sugar on industry platforms should not serve on official committees designed to shape national policy on sugar and health. The fact that they do so is against the public interest. Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY CANNON

(Secretary), Guild of Food Writers,

or "long-term" loan conveys a less

contradictory statement of intent

than "permanent". I hope that

Parliament will be unequivocal. Is it proposing to give a copy of the Act to the Australians? Or to lend Yours faithfully, BRIAN S. SMITH (Secretary),

The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, WC2. February 21.

Political attitudes and the BBC

From the Director of the Media Monitoring Unit
Sir, Replying to Woodrow Wyatt's
attack (article, February 13) on
political bias in the Today programme, BBC deputy directorgeneral John Birt (article, February 19) accuses the Media Monitoring Unit of omitting the inconvenient fact that, in the formight in question, Govern-ment ministers appeared on Today on 14 occasions". Yet the report specifically noted that many more Conservative than Labour spokesmen were interviewed — and interviewed challengingly at that, as is only right and proper.

The problem is that the BBC is bound to show "due impartiality" on politically controversial matters. This means that the politics of both Government and Opposition should be subjected to comparable scrutiny and challenge. This is not happening, and it would appear that the Labour Party is content for this situation

made a successful recovery and his If Labour considers it to be to its electoral advantage to keep its policies out of sight, surely "due impartiality" requires the BBC to shine its critical spotlight on the left as well as the right? It certainly requires that anti-Government pressure groups are not given unchallenged platforms, as has also been happening, whilst Government spokesmen are hounded and harried at every turn.

The BBC's response has com-pletely ignored 10 of the 12 items highlighted by our report. How-

Rudolf Hess affair

From Mr Roy Davies Sir, On January 17 the BBC-2 Timewatch documentary, "Hess: An Edge of Conspiracy", set out the case for believing that the 93year-old man claiming to be Rudolf Hess who died in Spanday Prison in 1987 was indeed Rudolf

The suggestion has recently been made (report, February 17) that Timewatch and its presenter. with an unnamed agency" (varia crudely forged and ungrammatiphotocopied signature.

This evidence was not made available to Dr Andrew until some months after the Munich research had been completed so there can have been no "organised manipulation". The documents found by Dr Lappenküper are freely available in the Munich Archives and dispose, once and for all, of the theory that the Hess who landed in Scotland was not the real Hess. Yours faithfully,

ROY DAVIES (Editor, Timewatch), BBC Elstree Centre, February 20.

Sport on TV

From the Managing Director, Network Television, BBC Sir, How many British viewers will be able to watch the major sporting events to which they have become accustomed? This is the issue behind the debate on the Wimbledon championships, the FA Cup Final, the Grand National, the Olympic Games and others ("BBC's rights of way being eroded", Sport, February 21).

The Broadcasting Bill opens the field to the highest bidder, irrespective of whether he is a national broadcaster or a satellite operator. BBC Television wants to ensure that all viewers keep their grandstand seat at these national events without having to pay for extra equipment

Scouts and Guides

From Ms Veronica Rees Sir, I read with a wry smile Mr Adrian Room's letter (February 20) regarding the Guides' need to be more "outgoing" in the form of service to the community if they join the Scout movement.

His comments were generated by a previous letter (February 15) regarding activities, and mainly outdoor ones were mentioned. For his and other readers' information my own district has recently been involved in tree-clearing for the National Trust planting 400 new trees for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers: Christ-

South Bank festivals

From the General Director (Arts) of the South Bank Centre Sir, Paul Griffiths, writing about our plans for a South Bank resident orchestra (The Arts, February 14), claims that our programme concentrates on "single composer retrospectives" and suggests this is simply "programming by numbers".

In fact, when our festivals focus on one composer they have been carefully programmed, to include a range of music which illuminates the composer's own work.

Mr Griffiths rightly draws attention to the interesting possibilities which exist in reviving works of lesser-known composers. As it happens, our next major festival is devoted to Karol Szymanowski (March 3 to June 6), placing him in the context of his Eastern

Out of season From Mrs P. Jaques

Sir, The Army takes care to be properly dressed. The other day I spotted a soldier in combat gear, his tin hat decorated with green leaves. At this time of year I would expect bare twigs to be de rigueur, with the odd pussy willow or catkin for authenticity. Yours faithfully,

25 Blacketts Wood Drive, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. February 20.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (01)782 5846.

ever the programme's editor has conceded that "we do make mistakes". In the fortnight under review Today made at least a dozen serious "mistakes". Over a full year this could result in over "mistakes". Is this the sort of journalism John Birt wishes to encourage? Yours faithfully, SIMON CLARK, Director,

Media Monitoring Unit, 10 Barley Mow Passage, W4. February 22 From Mr H. R. D. Parsons

Sir, David Baxter's comments (February 20) on John Birt's article are at least as unconvincing as he says John Birt's article was If, as a regular listener, he would claim that the interview of John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, at lunchtime on Sunday, February 18 (the day before the date of his letter) represented an easy inde then his prejudice is self-proven. By comparison it is Government spokesmen who are being treated with deference

However, I agree with Mr Baxter that vigorous interviewing techniques should be employed. Politicians have for too long been allowed to dodge the question and then express indignation if pressed further on their inad-

equate replies. Where I differ from Mr Baxter is that I believe it should be applied to spokesmen of all parties - not all other parties, as he would wish. Yours faithfully, H. R. D. PARSONS,

First World War was discovered

by a West German professional

historian of impeccable reput-

ation, Dr Ulrich Lappenkuper.

Flat 7, Stuart Court, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

The key evidence which, for the first time, revealed the exact nature of Hess's wounds in the

Dr Christopher Andrew, were involved in "an organised man-ipulation of archive in Munich ously identified as the KGB, MI5 or Cambridge University) to discredit the theory that the real Hess was murdered in 1941. The suggestion stems from two versions of cal letter bearing Dr Andrew's

Clarendon Road Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. We seek to remove the restriction whereby all terrestrial broadcasters have automatic access to these events. But we wish to retain the guarantee that the events are available to all viewers. Our proposals ensure everyone bene-

broadcasters and the market in the sky for satellite broadcasters. Television's 10 most popular sporting events last year included five "listed events". Is it really sensible to deprive the national audience of joining in these national occurions?

fits, including the sporting bodies

who will have two markets, the

Yours faithfully, PAUL FOX, Managing Director, Network Television, BBC,

Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12. February 21.

mas entertainment for an old people's home; making Christmas cakes for the village old people; raising £100 for cancer research by carol singing; participating in the best-kept village competition by collecting litter, flower arranging for our local church.

This is just a brief example of the Guide service activities throughout the country. V. A. REES (Riverhead District Commissioner, Kent West), Carn Ingli, 10 The Beeches, Sole Street, Cobham, Kent, February 21.

European and other contemporar-

Mr Griffiths also urges us to find alternative ways of presenting Bach and Beethoven, and mourns the neglect of Spohr. He must have forgotten our "Beethoven Plus" series, which included Spohr's work and that of his contemporaries, and our "Towards Bach" and recent Haydn

Far from clinging to the standard repertory, however, the South Bank resident orchestra should be actively seeking out new repertory, raising performing standards and, perhaps more unportantly, encouraging concertgoers to try new areas too. Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS SNOWMAN,

General Director (Arts), The South Bank Centre, Royal Festival Hall, SEL. February 19.

Theme holidays From Mrs Anne Scott

Sir, Perusing as usual the holiday advertisements this time of year, my sensibilities are yet again shaken by references to my be-loved Yorkshire as "Herriot Country" and to the North-east as "Cookson Country", but finally this morning to the continent of Australia as "Crocodile Dundee Country".

What may the description of this sceptred isle be? Yours faithfully, A. SCOTT,

7 Homelands Road, Sale, Cheshire. February 21.

MAJ-GEN T.B.L. CHURCHILL

Commando raids in German-occupied Dalmatia

OBITUARIES

Brac are epics in commando

history, but more important,

was the haven that he pro-

vided for Tito in April 1944

after the partisan leader had

just escaped capture by the

German parachute force that

dropped around his head-

quarters in the caves near

Dryar in the Bosnian

Churchill's last major Com-

mando operation was the

landing on the Albanian coast

in October 1944 to intercept

the German withdrawal from

personalities with the Com-

mander Land Forces, Advi-

Europe, in 1960, and retired in

Tom Churchill was a forth-

right, no-nonsense soldier and

an intelligent, cultured man.

He wrote a number of books:

The Churchill Chronicles,

Commando Crusade and The

Manual of Interpretation of

Air Photography. His leisure interests were heraldry,

He married Gwendoline Ja-

nie Williams in 1934, they had

bell. This marriage was dis-solved in 1967, and he

married Penelope Jane

Ormiston in 1968. The mar-

fold them up at night," be

replied, "and put them on

Joan Sheriffe (died 1926);

secondly, in 1927, Josephine

Laycock (died 1958), daughter

of Brigadier-General Sir Jo-

seph Laycock; and, thirdly, in

foxhunter, Lady Helena,

daughter of the 7th Earl

Lord Daresbury is suc-

ceeded in the barony by his son by his second wife, the

Hon Edward Greentll.

Fitzwilliam

1966, another dedicated

He married, firstly, in 1925,

again in the morning."

riage was dissolved in 1974.

genealogy, and archaeology.

1947.

artisans in Yugoslavia.

Tom Churchill occupied the in 1962 and he married, land of Vis as an advanced secondly, in 1963, Beth Camp-

Chief of Combined Opera-

tions in October 1943, Chur-

chill succeeded him in

commander 2nd Special Ser-

vice Brigade in the autumn of

1943, were the hazardous, but

eventually successful, land-

ings at Termoli to hasten

Montgomery's advance up the

Adriatic coast, and the raid at the mouth of the Garigliano

River to help General

McCreery's X Corps advance

up the west coast. His brigade

then played important parts in

the seizure of Monte Ornito

and in the fraught Anzio

landings before it was re-

deployed to support Tito's

raiding base from which he could harass the German.

forces on the Dalmatian Is-

lands. His raids on the islands

to the feeding, exercise and general care of his hounds and he distinguished himself as

well as an amoteur huntaman

as he did as a breeder of

He retired from the Lim-

His dry sense of humour

was also a byword. When a

certain widow was looking for

partisans in Yugoslavia.

mandos' hard-fought battles island of Vis as an advanced

recalled to England to become of Solta, Hvar, Korčula and

LORD DARESBURY

Renowned huntsman and breeder of foxhounds

side; and, in 1947, he took the some inexpensive hunting

Mastership of the Limerick sear for her son she asked Hunt, which soon became Lord Daresbury what he did

celebrated for its almost en- with his old clothes. "Why, I

hounds.

His earliest operations as

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 22: Mr Excellency Señor Juan Carlos Delano and Señora de Délano were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipot-entiary from Chile to the Court of St James's.

The Queen, Air Commodore-in-Chief, received Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough upon relinquishing his appoint-ment as Honorary Inspector General of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and Sir Hector Monro upon assuming the

Group Captain Michael
Tinley, Inspector of the Royal
Anxiliary Air Force, was received by Her Majesty and
presented the Colour Record
Book for signature.
Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter
Terry was received by The

Terry was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraliar. Lady Terry was also received

Mr Anthony Willis was re-ceived by The Queen when Her Majesty presented him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Major-General T. B. L.Chur-

chill, CB, CBE, MC, who died

on February 19, aged 82, was Deputy Chief of Staff to

General Hans Speidel, who

was Commander Nato Land

Forces, Central Europe, in the

But he will be best remem-

bered as the Commander of

2nd Special Service Brigade

(Commandos), which sup-

ported Tito and his partisans

with raiding operations amongst the Dalmatian Is-

lands during the Second

Thomas Bell Lindsay Chur-

chill was born on November

1, 1907, into a Colonial Ser-

vice family that had worked in

Ceylon for several genera-

tions. He was one of three sons

of Alec Fleming Churchill of the Ceylon, and later Hong

Kong Public Works Depart-

ment. His elder brother, "Mad

Jack," was also a renowned

commando; and his younger brother, "Buster," was killed in the Fleet Air Arm. Tom was

educated at Magdalen College School before going to Sand-hurst in 1926. He was commissioned into the

during the Burmese rebellion

of 1930. He won his MC as a

platoon commander, tracking

down and eventually eliminating Po Hla Gyi, the rebel leader. On his return to

England with his battalion, he

was sent to the RAF School of

Photography, where he be-came an instructor and one of

Churchill went to France in

1939 with his battalion, but

was soon transferred to Lord

Gort's intelligence staff. He

attended one of the early

wartime courses at the Staff

College, and returned to

France to join the RAF's

After Dunkirk, he was

Fighter Command as lizison

ond Baron, third Baronet) died last week at the age of 87.

Life Guards, serving briefly in

that regiment prior to its

In 1934 he entered the joint-

Mastership of the Belvoir Hunt, whose hounds, his

father, as Sir Gilbert Greenall

(Master, 1896-1912) had

made famous for both their

amaleamation (with

ond) in 1922.

After leaving Eton he was until 1947, being fondly commissioned into the First remembered, too, for the

graphic interpreters.

intelligence staff.

the Army's leading air photo- Brigade.

Burma in 1927.

Manchester Regiment and Sir Hugh Dowding and Gen-joined its 2nd Battalion in eral Sir Alan Brooke during

He first saw active service graphic intelligence led him to

eral Sir Alan Brooke during the Battle of Britain. Photo-

the Commandos, During

1941-42 he did much of the

photographic intelligence

work for many of their opera-

tions like the Vaagso,

Bruneval and St Namure raids

In 1942 he volunteered to join

them operationally, and was

appointed GSO1 to Bob

Lacock's 2nd Special Service

His first actions with

Lacock's Brigade were in the

Allied landings in Sicily, and

the subsequent advance to the

Straits of Messina. After tak-

ing part in the planning for the invasion of Italy, he distin-guished himself in the Com-

on the Sorrento peninsula, protecting the Northern flank

of the Allied landings at

Salerno. When Lacock was

One of the most prominent looks, their vocal prowess and names in the foxhunting their tenacity.

He succeeded his father in to the feeding, exercise and

He succeeded his father in

1938, and remained the chief

happy rapport he kept with

owned a stud in Co. Limerick,

Lord Daresbury was well acquainted with that country-

The 1st Baron having

land owners and farmers.

early 1960s.

World War.

The Queen and The Duke of Hall and were received by

The Duchess of Grafton, Str. Robert Fellowes and Captain Alistair Rogers were in

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 22: Queen Elizabeth
the Queen Mother was present
this morning at a Reception
given at the Imperial War
Museum to mark the third
Anniversary of the formation of
the Friends of the Museum.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenan

Memorial services

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Antony Part was held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey. The Rev Nicolas Stacey officiated and led the prayers with Canon Donald Gray.





Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the refurbished United Caribbean Association House, Leeds, at 12.20; and, as Patron, will visit the work of the Church Urban Fund at St Aldan's,

The Duke of Edinburgh, ient of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will attend a dinner for past winners of The Prince Philip Medal at Leeds University at 7.30.

The Duke of York will open the new headquarters of McDonnel Douglas Information Systems, Hemel Hempstead, at 11.00. Princess Alexandra will attend a

reception in Stirling Castle at 6.45, arranged by the Scottish Council of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust to mark the conclusion of the twenty-fifth anniversary year.

Luncheon

British Council Sir Richard Francis, Director General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Mr Noel Scott, Associate Minister of Education and Employment. New Zealand. The New Zealand High Commissioner was among the

Latest wills

Cambridge, professor of economics at Cambridge University 1951-72, left net estate valued between £40,000 and £70,000. He died intestate. Doris Bleasdale, of Lancaster Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

BIRTHS: Samuel Pepys, London, 1633; George Fred-

erick Handel, Halle, Germany, 1685; Meyer Amschel Roth-schild, banker, Frankfurt, 17-3;

George Watts, painter, London,

DEATHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, Ist president of the Royal

Academy 1768-92, London,

1792; John Keats, Rome, 1821; John Quincy Adams, 6th presi-dent of the USA 1825-29, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1848;

Joanna Baillie, poet and drama-

tist, London, 1851; Carl Friedrich Gauss, mathmatician,

Göttingen, Germany, 1855; William Butterfield, architect of

the Gothic revival, London,

1900; Thomas Woodrow Wil-

son, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate

Lord Kahn, of King's College, left estate valued at £1.161,568 net. She left personal legacies totalling £11,000 and the residue equally between the RSPCA and

respectively.

Anniversaries

Edinburgh this evening st-tended the Mountbatten Festival of Music at the Royal Albert enent-General Sir Martin Garrod (Commandant General Royal Marines).

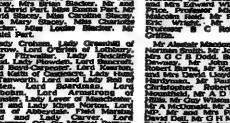
Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Sir Mar-tin Gillist and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

February 22: The Princess of Wales visited the London Connection project for young homeless people at 12 Adelaide Street, WC2.

nder Patrick Jephson,

Donald Gray. Lord Croham read the lesson

and Mr Peter Walker, MP, read from the works of John Donne. Lord Greenhill of Harrow gave an address. Among others



Mr Derek Royle A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Derek Royle was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated and the Rev

Guy Bennett read the lesson.
Miss Carol Royle, daughter,
read from the works of Canon
Henry Scott Holland and Miss Amanda Royle, daughter, read A Character by William Words-worth. Mr Leslie Lawton read a tribute written by Mr Ray Cooney and Mr Makcolm Brown read his own letter of condolence to Mrs Royle, Mr Michael Williams and Mr Shaw

Taylor gave addresses, Mr Nic Saunders, o Mr David Wales, saxophone, played a selection of the music from Showboat with Mr Leon Greene singing Ol' Man River.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, attended a guest night dinner given by Major-General J.A. Hulme, Director General of Ordnance Services, and Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at Decepcut last night. Sir William Heseltine, the Chief of Defence Procurement, the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General were present.

cipal guest. Wing Commander J.S. Hocknell presided and Air Vice-Marshal M.J.C.W. Dicken

The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama has made the following honorary awards for

Hester Dickson, accompanist music; Morrison Dunbar, cha man of the board of governors of the RSAMD; Emanuel Hurwitz, violinist and visiting lecturer in residence in the school of music; Mary Marquis, radio and television

Horticultural Society

The Hon Alexaur Morrison and Professor Ghillean Prance have been elected to the RHS Council. Mrs Carolyn Hardy has been re-elected to the Council Mr Robin Herbert and Mr Lawrence Banks have been re-elected President and Treasurer

Service dinners

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Support Command and RAF Brampton held a dining-in night at Brampton Park Officers' Mess last night. Group Captain

Honorary awards

The Royal

1920, Washington, 1924; Dame

Nellie Melba, soprano, Sydney, NSW, 1931; Sir Edward Elgar,

Master of the King's Musick 1924-34; Worcester, 1934; Leo Hendrick Backeland, inventor

of Bakelite, Beacon, New York, 1944; Paul Claudel, poet and dramatist, Paris, 1955; Stan

Laurel (né Arthur Stanley Jefferson), Santa Monica, California, 1965; L. S. Lowry, painter, Glossop, Derbyshire, 1976; Str

Adrian Boult, conductor, Kent,

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the February Revolution, end-ing March I in Russia (Old Style

dates), 1917; the Fascist Party

was founded in Italy by Benito Mussolini, 1919.

The Rosary, Coleshill, Buckinghamshire.

Birthdays

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The engagement is announced
between David, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Adams, of Otley, West Yorkshire, and Cristina, daughter of Signor and Signora M.C. Celestini, of Rome, Italy. Mr C.D. Falker

and Miss J.A. Pulland The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of the William Peter Andrew, and of Mrs Laye Andrew, of Dulwich, and Jane, elder daugh-ter of Wing Commander and Mrs N.A. Pollard, of Winterborne Kingston, Dorsel.

Mr S.I. Berrick and Miss H. Saves

The engagement is announced between Steven, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Berrick, of Monte Carlo, and Hayley, daughter of Mr Jeffrey Silver, and of Mrs Diane Silver, of

Mr C.J. Campbell and Miss N.J. Spalding The engagement is announced between Colin John, eldest son of Mr J.G.G. Campbell, of Direlton, East Lothian, and of Mrs R.M. Campbell, of

Ellenford, Berwickshire, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M. Spakling, of Whatton, Mr N.G.C. della Casa

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Commander and Mrs Mario della Casa, of White Lodge, Berkhampstead, Hertfordshire, and Rosanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Curling, of

Mr W.E. Allen, author, 79; the Duke of Beaufort, 62; Mr Rich-

ard Dodds, hockey player, 31; Lord Ezra. 71; Miss M.I. Farrer,

former chairman, Central Mid-

wives Board, 76; Lord Forteviot, 84; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 49; Brigadier Kenneth Har-greaves, former Lord Lieumann of West Yorkshire, 87; Miss Kathleen Harrison, actress, 92;

Kathleen Harrison, actress, 92: Mr Anton Mosimann, chef, 43; Lord St Levan, 71; Mr Chris-

topher Tugendhat chairman. Civil Aviation Authority, 53; Dom Aelfed Watkin, former

headmaster, Downside School, 72; Mr David Ward, president,

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Law Society, 53.

Mr J.M. Cersan and Miss A.J. Holmes

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Corsan, of Itchenor, West Sussex, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Holmes, of Northwood, Middlesex.

and Miss J.R. Walsh
The engagement is announced
between Callum, youngest son
of Mr and Mrs Peter Fisken, of Sutton Coldfield, West Mid-lands, and Jacqueline, daughter of the late Mr John Walsh, and of Mrs Margaret Waish, of Ravelston Dykes, Edinburgh.

Mr W.J. Flynn and Miss C.T. Pessington The engagement is announced between William, second son of

of Mrs. Hynn, of Leicester, and of Mrs. M.R. Flynn, of Thurcaston, Leicestersire, and Charlotte, elder daughter of the late Mr F.P. Pennington, and of Mrs. Mrs. Pennington, and of Pe

Mr J.R.M. Hardwick
and Miss M. Transmants
The engagement is announced
between Julian Roger Monier,
elder son of Mr Malcolm
Hardwick, QC, and Mrs.
Hardwick, of Sydney, Australia,
and Marina, daughter of Mrs.
Lilika Tzamouranis, of Wimbledon, London, and the late Mr. don, London, and the late Mr

Mr I.C. Heed and Miss R.E. Candlin
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Appointments
The Rev Christopher Roberts, nonofficerollary Minister, All Saints, Manple, diocese Chester; to be Assistant
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Hetern Hospitals, diocese Liverpool.
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Assistant Carste, Berwick, Holy Tristty, diocese Newcastle: to be Rector,
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Appointments

Forthcoming marriages Mr I.L. Herritt and Miss J.S. Maraten

and Miss R.A.F. Commines The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Gloucestershire on May 1, The engagement is announced between Neil, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Smith, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Enk Cummings. 1990, between lan, son of the late Mr H.L. Howitt, and of Mrs Hewitt, of Ham, Richmond, Surrey, and Jennifer, younger daughter of the late Mr N.J. Marston, and of Mrs Marston, and Miss R.A. Short The engagement is announced between Simon Richard, son of of Chipping Campden, Gloucatersbire.

and Miss R. Bailey
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between Medwyn, only son of
Mr I.G. du Platt Jones and Mrs M. Jones, and Rita, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Bailey.

and Miss M.V. Wiggell

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Parker, of Hayes, Kent, and Michèle, youngest daughter of Mr C. Wigzell, of Crowhoroush, Sussex, and Mrs Crowborough, Sussex, and Mrs E. Redfern, of Enfield.

Mr J.S. Reckman and Miss S.L. Bresse

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack C. Rockman, of London, and Stacey, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Erman, of Omaha

Mr C.J. Ryland and Miss J.M. Callis The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Ryland, of Kensington, London, and Jane, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Charles of Charles

Charles Cullis, of Cuckfield,

Mr R.W. Wilberforce and Miss E.J. Houston

Margaret's Bay, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Wilberforce, of Corbridge, Northumberland, and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John A. Houston, of Overlaw, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Mr and Mrs John White, of

Rosemary Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Shutt, of St Margaret's Bay. Kees

Marriages

and Mrs D. Coureau

Mr Michael Jordan, of Ballinger Farm, Ballinger, Buckingham-shire, and Mrs Dorothea Coureau of The Old Dutch House, Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire, were married quietly in London yesterday.

Mr N-A.R. Lindgren and Mrs C.A. Bodgett

The marriage between Mr Nils-Ake Lindgren and Mrs Carole Budgett (née Venney) took place at the Swedish Church, m

Church news

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Other appointments ·

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DESMOND LONGE Insurance chief who helped with wartime resistance

Desmond Evelyn Longe, MC, Chairman) of the Norwich ruary 19 at the age of 75.

Born on August 8, 1914, he was the youngest son of the four sons and seven daughters of the Rev J. C. Longe of Germany, Longe was a Spixworth Park, Norfolk demobilised in 1946. Educated at Woodbridge old Barclays DC & O in the City before being transferred to Jamaica.

Greece. He took the port of At the outbreak of the Sarande and went on to liberate the island of Corfu. Second World War he re-An unfortunate clash of Royal Norfolk Regiment and in 1941 he volunteered for the Special Operations Executive. atic, brought an end to his He served with that unit, which helped organize resiscommand of 2nd Special Service Brigade, but not to his career in the Army. tance movements against the Axis powers, and served in At the end of the war he was Africa, the Middle and Far East and North-West Europe.

commanding 11th Brigade in 78th Division in Austria Longe was leader of an inter-Allied haison mission where he stayed for four years, taking over command of the which parachuted into Ger-British Occupation Zone in man-occupied eastern France. He was awarded the Military In the remaining 15 years of Cross and Croix de Guerre his military career, he held avec Palme for conspicuous senior staff appointments in gallantry on the Vercors Mas-Western Command and in sif when members of the Singapore before being appointed Vice-Quartermaster-General in 1957. He took over French resistance in July 1944 were overwhelmed by Geras Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Land Forces, Central HER DOCK

Longe always showed a profound reticence about the details of such war-time escapades, but some of his exploits were recounted by Michael Pearson in Tears of Glory, published in 1979. Longe, then a major, had been entrusted with a mission, code-named Eucalyptus, and his task was to keep London and Algiers, then General de Gaulle's headquarters, in-formed of the situation. One of Longe's last terse messages to Algiers as disaster loomed ran: "If we are to hold the immminent heavy attack our request for paratroops and heavy weapons must be met." He warned that if there was no

When no reply was received who was President (later Longe managed to clude what had turned into a massive Union Insurance Group from 1964 to 1981, died on Feb a week-long dangerous escape through the mountains to Switzerland.

He then joined Wood Sadd and Moore, the agricultural School, Longe began his busi-ness career in 1933 with the seed merchants, leaving them in 1962 to form his own company, East Coast Grain Silos

Longe was appointed to the board of the Norwich Union turned to Britain, joining the in 1958 and succeeded his cousin, Sir Robert Bignold, as president and chairman in

During his 17 years as chairman he travelled extensively and it was under his



energetic supervision that the Norwich Union Group experienced considerable expansion and became more diversified in its operations. He was the first chairman of Norwich Winterthur Holdings.

A countryman above all, Desmond Longe was a fearless horseman, a fine shot and a keen fisherman. It was while on a business tour of New Zenland and Australia for the Norwich Union in 1981 that he suffered a severe stroke. He leaves a widow, Isla, one

son and one daughter.

J. C. TREWIN

James Bishop writes: J. C. Trewin's spell of continuous theatre reviewing was even longer than is suggested in your obituary (Feb 20). For he began writing regular no-tices for The Illustrated London News in January 1947

response the German reprisals

would be "terrible."

until 1988 - a period of more than 40 years. As these were weekly until 1971 and monthly thereafter, the ILN must have published something like a million and a half words of his, which does not take into account the many other articles he wrote

Of these the one I recalled grand man.

on learning of his death was an appreciation of his county of Cornwall, which we published in 1980 and which was subsequently reprinted in a book,

In this he neatly linked two and continued without a break of his greatest interests by comparing Cornwall to Queen Claribel — "that shadow in the margin of The Tempest, ten leagues beyond man's life."

The many words John wrote will stay with us, together with our memories of a happy, gentle and, to use one of his favourite adjectives,

Dinners HM Covernment The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd were hosts yesterday at a dinner given by Her Mainthia Gourgement at Mainthia Commonwealth Majesty's Government at Lan-caster House to bid farewell to the Spanish Ambassador and Doña de Puig da la Bellacasa.

Needlemakers' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sberiffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Needlemakers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Peter Barrows, Master, pre-sided. His Honour Alan King-Hamilton, QC, the Lord Mayor and Mr Cecil Parkinson, Sec-retary of State for Transport,

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Professor J.L. Head, Director of the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology and Dean of the Royal Navai College, Greenwich, presided at a dinner and reception held last night at the college to mark the confer-ment of degrees in Nuclear Reactor Technology and Radiological Protection on students of the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology. Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, delivered the graduation address. Admiral Sir Brian Brown. Second Sea Lord and Admiral President of the College of the C

ege, attended Cosingsby Club
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, was the guest of honour at the Ordinary dinner of the Coningsby Club held last night at the Oxford and Cambridge University Club. Mr Neale

Stevenson presided. Royal College of Physicians Dr Margaret Turner-Warwick, President of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and

Mr R. Turner-Warwick with Sir Abraham Goldberg, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, and Lady Goldberg. Dr J.M. O'Brien, Vice-President of the Faculty of Public Health of the racinty of rubic meaning Medicine, and Mrs O'Brien and Dr D.A.D. Slattery, Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, were hosts last night at a dinner held at 11 St Andrews Place after Dr J.M. Harrington had delivered the Ernestine

Heary Lecture. Institution of Electrical

Engineers Councillor Elizabeth Flach, Lord Mayor locum tenens of

The Illustrated Counties of England.

Electrical Engineers held last

night at Grosvenor House. Dr James Smith, president, pre-sided. Mr John Wakeham, Sec-retary of State for Energy, and Mr John Winnett were the principal speakers. Among others present were: Sir Francis Tombe. Sir Eric Ash. Sir Robert Reid. Sir Alan Balley and her becker are from the Child areas the Docky of Lancaster. HM Forces and the Church.

Florence Nightingale Muse

Lieutenant-General Sir Alan and Lady Reay were hosts last night at a reception and dinner held at the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, in support of the Florence Nightingale Mu-seum, Mr William Reid presided at a symposium held cartier when the speakers were Major John Bennen, RAMC, Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley and Mr Barry Jackson, Consultant Surgeon, St Thomas's Hospital.

UCS Old Boys' (Old Gowers)

The annual dinner of University The annual dinner of University College School Old Boys' (Old Gowers) Club was held last night at the school Mr G.B. Brown, president, presided. Mr J.R.D. Cowell and Mr J. McGregor, Headmaster of the Junior School, also spoke.

Durbar Club

Sir Peter Imbert, QPM, Commissioner of the Metropolispeaker at a club dinner held last night at Buck's Club. Mr Narindar Saroop, CBE,

University/Services Dining Club Lancaster University

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor H.J. Hanharn, presided at a recent dinner when the guest speaker was Professor L.W. Martin, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon

Reception

To Sir Bernard Braine, MP The Prime Minister and the Speaker attended a reception last night at Westminster Hall in honour of Sir Bernard Braine. MP, Father of the House of nmons, to mark his 40 years as an MP. Mr Cranley Onslow MP. Chairman of the 1922 Committee, presented Sir Bernard with an engraved silver ice bucket on behalf of his friends at

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"Observer's" highly-coloured account of a night meeting organised by the Society for the Rescue of Young Women and Children subsequently drew several letters to The Times challenging his report. The society's secretary pointed out that society's secretary pointed was also society's secretary pointed 20 years old, had been "received", and another writer said that the gathering included the daughter of a magistrate.

THE SOCIAL TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,- I attended the meeting at St James's-hall last night. I entertain great respect for the motives which actuate the gentlemen at the head of the "midnight meeting" movement, but their energies are misapplied and their zeal is misdirected. Some 200 women were present last

evening. By far the greater part consisted of the hait, the destitute, and the aged of West End prostitutes. Shabby mantles and tawdry dresses were in the ascendant. The real social evil, the mulier formosa, who blazons her shame in Regent Street and the Haymarket, who seps the morals, destroys the health, and drains the purse of her thoughtless admirers, was, with few exceptions, unrepresented. There were not 20 young and well-dressed women in the room. Tea or coffee and bread and butter were offered to all comers, and groups of eight or ten women were formed. round the various tables. There was no platform. The few clergymen present conversed with the women during tea, and afterwards formed in

a group near the top of the room.

Shortly before 1 o'clock, Mr Baptist Noel addressed the meeting in a speech full of kindness and sympathy. He talked of the borrors of the present, the prospect of death, and the hope for the penitent. He produced no effect whatever until he drew a most touching picture of the happy home they had foresaken, and of the mothers who wept over their shame.

This appeal was responded to by sobs and tears. It went straight to the

After a few common-place remarks by Mr Bickensteth, a gentleman of strong lungs and portly presence addressed the meeting. He exhauted his bearers to come at once to the reformatories. He promised that their hair should not be cut off, nor

their hair should not be cut off, nor their dreses taken from them, and was proceeding to draw a sketch of the comforts they would enjoy, when he was checked by jeering laughter and "chaffing" ramarks.

The preaching was concluded with a statement that any one desiring to enter a reformatory would be taken there at the close of the meeting, and that the railway fare would be paid that the railway fare would be paid for those desiring to return home. A rush was then made to the door by the great majority of the women, including nearly all the young and well-dressed. At the outer door was collected a number of "swells", attracted by curiosity, but unprovided with the necessary ticket of admission. Among them these admission. Among them these women remained, until their reformed sisters were carried off in cabs amid a shower of cynical remarks. They then plied their calling — apparently with considerable success. spparently with considerable success.
So far as these meetings provide a So far as these meetings provide a home and refuge for worn-out and hopeless outcasts, they are productive of good. This object can, however, be attained by other and better means than by making St. James's-hall a succursole to the Haymarket, and by calling midnight meetings of London prostitutes.

The homeless and destitute alone will accept the hard fare, unwonted restraint, and painful sechusion of a reformatory. Such women may be found in any numbers by men who,

found in any numbers by men who, like Lieutenant Blackmore, nobly devote themselves to the search. But the more fortunate lorette is not likely to yield to the seductions of the tea and toast, or to the persuasive preaching provided for her at St James's-hall. So long as there are men to supply her with every comfort, to provide her with every history, and eventually — as has too often happened of late — to place her by marriage in a rank of life far above her own, so long will she refuse to abandon has careet.

I remain, Sir, your obedient STADI,

OBSERVER

THE ARTS

Scents and sensibility

TELEVISION A TABLE Sheridan Morley

A bad night on BBC 2 for people whose fur coats make them sweat. While 40 Minutes considered the campaign against minks, a new series called *Small Objects of Desire* dealt with the history of the decorant. appears, all began with the Egyptians, who recommended mixing frankincense with porridge, rolling the mixture into a ball, and ng it into your arm pits.

The deodorant industry has moved on since indeed, in this century, germ anxiety has become something of a class battle. Kim Flitcroft's fascinating ransack of old telecommercials showed an upper-crust determ therefore servile, rather than dirty and rebellious. Despite a bizarre reliance on a Bristol Radio phone-in, this series (which promises to move on to the camera and the condom), has a quirky kind of fascination, especially perhaps for those in the business of

being judiciously fragrant.

John Pitzuan's investigation of the for tradegave us such luminaries as Eartha Kitt, explaining that she always wore minks because they were forever — unlike men. The famous David Bailey commercial of bloodshed has probably done more than anything to kill fur sales in this country, but what Pittman never explained was the influence of five consecutive warm winters on sales figures over here. In New York and Moscow you will still often see more minks than raincoats, for the simple reason that the temperature demands them.

On This Week (ITV), Mavis Nicholson had ome chilling new statistics on Aids. Despite a multi-million pound advertising campaign there is now a projection of at least 1,000 exual deaths in 1992, and in Edinbe one in every 100 men under 44 is HIV positive. There does now seem to be a gradging public wareness that this is no longer the "gay lague" that was originally and shamefully nis-diagnosed. On the other hand, 84 per cent of those polled by This Week reckoned they ere not likely to change their sexual habits.

In Berlin, John Russell Taylor finds the art world keen to exploit opportunities and sign up talent from the East

Retreshing times

oday, co-operation be-tween East and West Berlin is not such a novelty in fine art as in other cultural fields, particularly if it is a question of traffic in a westerly direction. The tone of the shows put on by the Staatliche Kunsthalle has always been leftish, and it is not surprising to find major shows of East German artists like Willi Sitte mixed in with revolutionary art from other places.

Commercial western galleries such as Galerie Brusberg have been keeping a shrewd eye on recent political developments; Brusberg played an important role in securing the revelatory show Kunstvergleich 88 - of 13 painters from the DDR — for the enormous Neues Kunstquartier im T.L.P. some 18 months ago. Moreover, just recently at the Martin-Gro-pius-Bau a large restrospective devoted to the DDR painter Bernhard Heisig was staged. It is now touring in West Germany with the blessing of the Zentrum fur Kunstausstellungen der DDR.

Traffic in the opposite direction has always been more difficult, even if the artist concerned was as important as Schinkel: in Schinkel Year, East and West Berlin both had major tributes, but any sort of co-operation or co-odination was unthinkable. But things have been moving behind the scenes: the Bauhaus-Archiv, for instance, has renewed links with its opposite number in Dessau, and they have exchanged exhibitions of their

It is likely, too, that much of its present exhibition, the most com-

fotos 1919-33 (until April 22) will go on to the East. In East Berlin's Akademic-Galerie there is already a photographic show on the subject of the abortive 1918-19 Communist revolutions in Berlin, which has been organized by Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst in

But the radical change in political climate is now producing still more dramatic happenings. The mind boggles at what even relatively sophisticated East Berliners will make of the giant retrospective of Rainer Fetting (the first anywhere, incidentally), organized by the Raab Galerie, which will be to the Festers which will go to the Eastern Nationalgalerie next month.

Not only is this the first ever showing of one of the major younger painters from West Germany in the East, but Fetting, with the extraordinary scenes of sadomasochistic sex in New York clubs which he was painting a few years ago, would seem like a deliberate provocation to a public brought up in a puritanical Communist regime. About time too, West Berliners might say.

Certainly Fetting will come as a nasty shock after the Eastern Nationalgalerie's current show, perhaps the last of their safe ones for some time: a drab but exemplary examination of Assus Jakob Carstens and Josef Auton Koch (until the end of the week), two German contemporaries of the French Revolution happily painting away at classical myths

and scenes from Dante and Ossian, and clearly under the spell of Flaxman's enormously influential

In the West, the Berlinische Galerie in the Martin-Gropius-Bau is more satisfactorily combining East and West with a show Ludwig Meisner: Apocalyptic Landscapes (until April 6). He is of the most leftish of the major German Expressionists, at his best in the years around the First World War. In April, the Berlinische Galerie is planning to ship off to Leipzig some 140 paintings and sculptures and about 80 classic photographs from its permanent collection, for a loan exhibition which could not even have been imagined six months ago.

Meanwhile, Berlin has suddenly gain become a focus of attention for art dealers and auctioneers elsewhere in the world: every day brings tales - no doubt exaggerated, but not excessively. There are dealers streaming through the wall to sign up new talent from the East; shows like Zeitvergleich '88 indicate that there is a lot of talent well able to bear comparison with the best of the West.

There are representatives from the major auction houses lining up to secure sections of the grafitticovered Wall as they are dismantled, for sale as art-works in their own right. And there are humbler folk crowding round the Brandenburg Gate (West side, since there are no grafitti on the East) to buy souvenirs by the inch rather than the yard. The excitement is definitely there.



Fetting's "Man in Bathtah" and "Double Portrait"; his March show may shock East Berlin

Ring of truth for the telephone pests

Jeremy Kingston

Sweet as a Nut Warehouse, Croydon

Office life is all but virgin territory as a subject for drama, which is weird considering how much time so many of us spend protecting our square feet of territory in one. The five desks in Room 8154 in David Richard-Fox's excellent and observant comedy-cum-pur-gatory are the battlefields of that permicious sub-class of salesmen. the telemarketeers. The pests who dig out your name in the Directory and invite you to empty your wallet for little in return.

At the end of the author's programme entry comes the laconic statement, "Recent work includes telemarketing," so we can assume that the play's abrasive talk, the salesman's contempt for the client, and the two examples of



Eye to eye: Tony Callaghan (Tremayne) and Caroline Holdaway (May)

revenge on those who resist rightful but funny - are authentic trophies of his time in this sordid

This is England and Richard-Fox is not trying to invade the hellish world of Mamet's Glengurry Glen Ross. The focus of the first act is Gail, an out of work sell Gail to her producer the way

actress looking for an office job

while waiting for an audition. Marsh, a slob who has loused up most of Haywards Heath, near Brighton, through incompetence, lays a bet with Sean, the telephone

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Sean agrees and wins, or so it seems at the interval. In fact, it is hard to guess what the author has left for his second half, but the tortured love story that develops emerges credibly from the edgy

Bardy Thomas's strong and convincing direction gets zippy performances from her male actors. All three are jokers: Colin, the manager (John Macneill), staring contemptuously at the world through burnt current eyes, favours teasing Sean (Tony O'Callaghan) is into heavy sarcasm, and Marsh, played by the author with his mouth full of gum, enjoys making believe he would really last five minutes in such a

Carol Starks' voice as Gail lacks the hard definition needed for her steely transfiguration, though she certainly looks the type, severe against a tee-shirt - that he cannot clothes and severer blonde hair. Worth a trip to East Croydon.

Squeaky clean

OPERA John Higgins

The Mikado London Coliseum

Once there was a famous black Mikado, but it would be difficult to imagine a whiter Mikado than that devised by Jonathan Miller for the Coliseum. It nestles deliciously in its Noel and Gertie world of clipped vowels and cocktails, palm trees and bellhops. All is white as white can be and this whiteness has given the ENO a thoroughly bankable production.

And the theatre has treated it with respect. Here it is back for a score of performances with a most judicious mingling of familiar faces with new ones. From the original production of nearly four years ago are Eric Shilling's Pish-Tush (a vicar from Alan Bennett), Richard Angas's almost conversational Mikado and Richard Van Alian's Pooh-Bah doubling for Neville Chamberlain in his silk topper and brimming with appeasement. And most especially there is Lesley Garrett as Yum-Yum, a genuine gold-digger of 1933; her voice now carries more weight and she comes close to singing everyone else off stage.

The Katisha and Ko-Ko partnership is new. After experimenting in the latter role with comedians whose singing was only moderate - or even less - the ENO have reverted to a singer,

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YMSO under James Blair had

played his Before the End; and we

were assured that the competition for composers under 30 will continue as a biennial event.

Before the End turned out to be

a sober essay scored for a classical

orchestra, though with four horns

and a full body of strings. The title

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Barry Banks and Lesley Garrett as Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum

Richard Suart, who is a more than moderate actor. The gain is considerable, especially when Sarah Walker, returning to the Coliseum after a long absence, is on stage. She had an edgy start at the end of Act I, but got into an easy, almost cabaret-like stride with "There is beauty in the bellow of the blast". Barry Banks, the new Nanki-

Poo, looks almost like a parody of Bonaventura Bottone parodying a diminutive D'Oyly Carte tenor. But the style is as clean as the voice. Elizabeth McCormack, in her house début, was a notably lively and attractive Pitti-Sing. Justin Brown, another house

début, had a rough time with the overture and began by rushing his singers. Then he settled down and realized that this was an ensemble performance with some of the best contributions coming from the corps of chambermaids squeaking with excitement and the bellhops, who would probably squeak too if

Through Asian eyes

Benedict Nightingale

Tartuffe Gardner Centre

Tartuffe is the play that definitively made Molière a nonperson, at least to the conventionally pious. He was anatha-matized, threatened with death, and eventually refused the honourable burial he should have received; and all for attacking religious hypocrisy and

Three centuries later, the play does not seem so obsolete nor, sad to say, its author's hounding so archaic. Undeniably, there is a certain frisson in seeing it performed in Brighton by the all-Asian touring company that Jatinder Verma has assembled for the National Theatre; the more so given his robust reworking of the original. This is Tartuffe as he imagines it presented by a suspect Hindu poet to a bigoted Muslim emperor in 17th-century India.

Mark you, that frame is mostly as irrelevant to the canvas as the Christopher Sly induction to The Taming of the Shrew. Verma's aim is less to bait any passing fundamentalists than to introduce Eastern references and acting techniques into a French classic: the more exuberantly, the better.

We still see a besotted Orgon sacrifice daughter, son, daughter's lover and house to the fraudulant zealot Tartuffe. But his objection to the lover is that he visits "palaces of dancing girls". The daughter, called Munmauji instead of Mariane, threatens to live in holy isolation by the Ganges. Tartuffe is a "faking fakir" who claims to resemble Buddha, wears saffron, and launches into seduction, crying "Let me be your.

And so the story continues, to the sound of the sitar, beneath an elegant net tent, and imbued with physical invention galore. There is whirling and somersaulting, leap-ing and diving, and dancing sprightly, grave and even martial It is all gorgeously colourful and buoyantly performed by a cast led by Nizwar Karani as a drooped, mincing Tartuffe.

Perhaps it becomes too much fun. When Tartuffe is gleefully warned not to "wet your dhoti", one wonders if the jokes are getting too silly, the satire too lost. But Verma's adaptation-cumproduction pulls a suggestive sur-prise towards the end, when Organ is evicted by the triumphant Tartuffe. At that point Molière introduced a deus ex machina in the person of an emissary from the all-seeing Sun King, and the imposter is arrested.

But Verma's cast simply stops as perhaps Moliere stopped in his first and most offensive version. The Emperor Aurangzeb - a dismally real historical personage, it seems - complains indignantly at the insult this implies to divine and earthly justice, to Islam and himself. The actors then im-provise their flattering denonement; and the moral is obvious. There are those in power, Muslims among them, who prefer pious distortions to difficult truths. That was so back in 1667, maybe it is so

A first for Before the End ing slowly and gathering speed under the instigation principally CONCERT

Paul Griffiths There is also an allusion to the evening hymn Te lucis ante YMSO/Blair Festival Hall

refers to the fact that the music stops before it is over (which is better than carrying on after it is finished), and indeed the 15 minutes of the piece's duration seem to contain two cycles of generation which could be re-

peated indefinitely, each one start-

of the horns.

terminum, whose plainsong melodies apparently provide the basic material; though if that suggests the influence of Peter Maxwell Davies, the melodic-harmonic feel of the piece was closer to Britten, to the extent that the music exerted its personality at all. For this was a curiously reticent effort, hardly sounding like a prizewinner. The injections of power from the horns were efficient but

characteriess, and the solo writing tended to be apologetic and feature subdued colours: cor anglais, bass clarinet, viola. One hopes the composer will now gain the enbit harder.

The rest of the programme consisted of the Symphonie and Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations, with Andrew Shulman a thoughtful and ju-dicious cello soloist. Not every thing quite came off, but Shulman drew a great deal of daring elegance and varied tonal beauty out of the piece.



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Weighing up the worth of a pop idol

hich is the biggest rock act in the world? It depends on whether biggest whether greatness should be decided by the public or the critics. It can also depend on whether biggest means concert seats filled or albums sold. Above all it depends whether you are talking about now, or way back in 1988.

The Beatles were unquestionably both the biggest and the greatest during the Sixties, as Elvis Presley had been in the Fifties. But since then, in a market fragmented by age, race and musical genre, the title has been continually dis-

During the early Seventies the Rolling Stones, in the spirit of Mohammed Ali, had themselves loudly announced in concert as the greatest rock and roll band in the world". A few years later The Who were known as the "greatest live band in the world". In 1984 Rolling Stone magazine felt it safe to describe The Police as "rock and roll's best-loved active band". So it goes on.

Today it is U2 or Bon Jovi that you will hear routinely described as the "biggest rock band in the world", with details of recordbreaking tours and octo-platinum discs to justify the claim. But then someone may remind you that Michael Jackson, while only producing two albums over the past eight years, is still "the greatest performer of our age", or that Bruce Springsteen still deserves to be called The Boss. Certainly if bank balance has

In the rock world, does success equal riches or respect? Steve Turner looks at the industry's top earners



Bon Jovi: labelled the "biggest rock band in the world" Michael Jackson: earnings of \$125 million in two years ant wooing music critics, but not the public Tracey Cha

anything to do with the size of an act. Michael Jackson walks off with the title. Forbes magazine, which lists 19 musicians among the world's 40 highest-paid entertainers, estimates that he has earned \$125 million over the past two years, compared with Pink Floyd's \$56 million, George Michael's \$47 million and Madonna's paltry \$43 million.

Yet by the time an act is so conspiciously solvent, the rock-critic fraternity usually has its eyes trained elsewhere. Mass public acceptance and critical elevation rarely coincide. Thus, at a time when U2 was cleaning up the Rolling Stone reader's poll (February 1989), the magazine's music critics were voting for Tracey Chapman and Midnight Oil. John Peel's Festive Fifty, the

Radio 1 disc jockey's choice of top singles from 1989, typically did not have a mega-star in it. The top 10 was dominated by the current favourites of the weekly music press: the Sundays, the Wedding Present, Happy Mondays, Inspiral Carpets and the Stone Roses.

To be fair, U2 have done remarkably well in charming the reviewers while shifting 14 million copies of The Joshua Tree and nine million of Rattle and Hum. Prince too, whose Sign o' the Times was voted the best album ever by Time Out critics, has maintained a high degree of critical respect while vying with Michael Jackson and Madonna as the biggest solo artist in the world. Being a big live act does not inevitably lead to big album sales. Last year the Grateful Dead pulled

in \$26.1 million on the road,

putting them directly behind Bon Jovi in Performance magazine's ranking of top earning tours. But

they are certainly no chart threat to Bon Jovi. The Rolling Stones, whose \$80 million Steel Wheels your of North America was the biggest grossing of 1989 (The Who were second with \$34 million), have always been more successful as a concert attraction than as record sellers. Steel Wheels did respectable business in America (it made number one in the Billboard chart), but has so far only managed sales of 165,000 in Britain. Bands like Metallica and REM, whose tours also made the top 10 alongside those of Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart and Barry Manilow, re-

wider public. There is no shortage of acts claiming to be the biggest in the album-selling market. They may not have sold the most copies of a single album — Michael Jackson's 40 million sales of Thriller (1982)

main virtually unknown to the

are hard to beat - but they may be the first band to sell over eight million copies of two consecutive albums (Def Leppard) or have the best-selling British album of the

ers in Arms).
Whitney Houston, who sold 14 million copies of her début album, is the best selling female album artist. Bon Jovi had the best selling music video with Slippery When Wet (500,000 copies) and Bobby Brown's Don't Be Cruel sold the most copies of any album in America last year. Yet even large album sales do

Eighties (Dire Straits with Broth-

not automatically confer great-ness. Sheffield's Def Leppard have

sold 13 million copies of Hysteria but they are hardly in the "living legend" class and, according to Tony Hollingsworth (whose company Tribute Productions produces rock music TV specials for the international market), they would not be big enough to make his industry's "A" list.

Hollingsworth works on the basis that there are only 25 "A" artists in the world. Most have already been mentioned here, but the list would also include Phil Collins, Tina Turner, Elton John, Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder and Paul McCarmey.

is pick for the biggest act in the world today is Michael Jackson. "He's got a broader market than Bon Jovi and U2 because he goes right down to the children. Also he sells both to white and black kids. That's very important. U2 don't refl to black kids."

How does he define an "A" artist? "It must be someone who can sell a music television programme each year in their own right," he says. "You could, for example, have the Rolling Stones in an international television production each year. But there

are very few acts who can do it.
"Television gobbles things far
more quickly than any other
medium," he says. "You can keep selling Elton John and Dire Straits, but you could probably only sell one special on Lou Reed or Peter Gabriel every three or four years."

ALBUMS David Sinclair

Later & Later Same

The House Of Love: Fortens (Fontana 842 293-1)

Of the current wave of Indie bands breaking through to mainstream success, none has promised more and few have promised it for longer than The House Of Love.

Since their 1987 success single, "Shine On", the band, led by singer and songwriter Guy Chadwick, has maintained a disorganized front, Surprisingly, perhaps, all has come right, and with a re-recorded version of "Shine On" not long departed from the Top 20, their second album Fontana at

It is a low-key cracker that amply showcess Chadwick's abilities as a singer and songwriter with an alert, modern bent, but tempered by a mild fixation on the Beggar's Banquet etc.
"Hedonist" is the most obvious

musical reference to the truculent Stones swagger, its clouded lyric partly a celebration of anti-social self-reliance. There is even a sone called "Beatles and the Stones' recalling old play HOURDO HIVEHI

The chorus of "Shine On" still induces an involuntary shiver of delight, harnessing gentle mel-odies to rhythm tracks of deceptive force. Chadwick's triumph is to have produced such swirling, dreamy songs that combine outstanding textural beauty with a firmly directed contemporary rock 'a' roll touch.

Michigan Oile State Siky Mining (CBS 465653 1)

Those socially conscious Aussies who brought us last year's es-timable "Beds are Burning" single return with another collection of peerless rock song structures, catchy choruses and lyrical Midnight Oil seem to work

scrupulously on every song to avoid the familiar chord change and the obvious, lazy riff. Moreover they come up with consis-tently powerful melodies bolstered by neat arrangements.

The unremittingly earnest tone of the words gets a bit wearing, but Peter Garrett's hard, cocky voice and heroically sneering enunciation is never less than riveting.

The Fall: Extricate (Cog-Sinister 842 204-2)

Mark Smith remains an engaging and frequently infuriating enigma, his music a surreal, grimly cynical concoction performed with an innocent, child-like incompetence. Although his singing is now more composed than it used to be, Smith's wobbly off-key crooning on a slow ballad entitled "Bill is Dead" is surely a grotesque par-

The Fall's sound is tidier than on previous outings, but still jerks and fizzes unpredictably, with Steven Hanley's approximately-tuned bass buzzing away through-out "Telephone Thing" like a distant foghorn and Marcia Schofield's keyboards often sounding like a fairground.

Yet Smith plainly puts a great deal of thought into his music and has the knack of rendering the most bizarre raw material into an overall shape that is both serious and absorbing. In this regard Extricate is well up to the mark of his previous idiosyncratic work. | like Van Morrison at his most

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t all comes down to an attitude. T tall comes down to an attitude.
On Arthur Avenue in the
Brome, late Fifties, Dion
DiMncci was all attitude. A gradunie of Fordham Baldies, the street
gang, decked out in shark-skin
pants, winkle-pickers and grassel
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Between 1958 and 1963 the hits hept coming, from the pimply teen angst of "Teenager in Love", via "Runnessed Sue" to the street and swagger of "The Wanderer". "Well, in my neighbourhood, you always had to be cool — 'Yo! The kid is here' kind of stuff," he says. "And that cause out in the music."

"And that came out in the Hise young years read like a script from a Hollywood munical West Side Story through to Graces: A steady girlfriend from the age of 11 (the Sue who ran around), rumbles between rival gaugs, Dion and his friends singles a camella together on reolups and in schoolyards. "Although the

world," Dion notes. list Dion's own file is West Side Story and more. He was a beroin user from the age of 14. "At that time — I'm talking about those tender years 13 to 14 — a lot of my friends were dying around me. Zip gunt, drugs, car crashes, switch-blade fights. I didn't know how to handle that."

His mesical secours distrit help with the drug problem. He had been hooked on smelt since he was 10, when he first heard Hank

Peter Guttridge talks to Fifties' hero Dion

DiMucci about his acts and attitudes

ern. "My music got me through a lot, but when I got those hit records, the gap became even wider and drugs filled a lot of that

gap for me."

The Beatles stopped the hits, then Dylan came along. DiMucci took to accestic guitar and solo performances. But the Sixties for him were a nightmare of alcohol and drug dependence.

An unexpected 1968 hit Abra-ham Martin and John, and a religious conversion on a jogging track, prompted the move to Mianti — the Broax with palm trees for native New Yorkers which saved his life. Helped by his father-in-law, he

down with his wife and raised three daughters. Over the years since then, he lived off royalty cheques and released the odd guspel album. He still works a lot with the local Drug Unit, "with

gays reconstructing their lives".

Now he has started to put his cureer back together. In 1987, aged 48, he made his comeback in a concert at Radio City in New York with a little help from backing singers Bruce Spring-steen, Paul Simon, Lou Reed and Williams play country and westSpringsteen/Huey Lewis in-fluenced rock 'n' roll with a couple of outstanding tracks (the title track and "King of the New York

Now Dion, these days preferring aviator glasses and a stouch hat to shark-akins and winkle pickers, is in Britain for three concerts which form part of a tour with Dave Edmunds' Rock 'n' Roll Spectacelar. At 50, he looks back on his life with an eye for the good story. He recalls touring with other big rock 'a' rell names at the height of his fame. "At 19, I was hurled on to a tome. "At 19, I was furied on to a tour bus with a gun-toting Buddy Holly from Lubbock, Texas, Chi-cano Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper. I'd never been out of my neighbourhood," Dion says, re-calling the culture shock. There was more of a shock when his new buddles were killed in a plane

crash. Dien had gone by bus. He is a fan of rock 'n' roll revival shows, if they are done properly. "Since rock 'n' roll has come into called nostalgia but to me anything good is ferever." He has neve subscribed to the view that old rock 'n' rollers should move into velvet suits and lounge acts in Lau

"Elvis lost his way; the Las Vegas thing aquashed him. He should have gone to Woodstock or

The Dave Edmunds Rock 'n' Roll The Dave Earnings Kock is Kou Speciacular, with Dion DiMucci, reaches Town & Country Club, Highgate Road, London NWS (01-284 0303) on Monday, 7pm, £9.50



Dise DiMucci: avistor glasses and alouch hat replace his Fifties garb

Busting the barricades of two divided cities

ast Berlin's Festival of Pol-itical Song, in its 20th year, is in dire straits. Always run as a left-wing showcase by the FDJ (Freie Dentsche Jugend), the ideologically fervent youth wing of the Communist Party, the festival – held at the Seelen Binderhalle – has been affected dramatically by this year's political upheavals. The FDJ's membership is in tatters, funds have been withdrawn and the existence of the festival is

one fascinating feature of the festival - the continual debate which follows and precedes the concerts - goes on. Last weekend, the bars at the House of Young Talent were full of intellectual lefties in hippy mode, discussing future alternatives both for East Germany and the festival. "We should start from scratch," says George Wolter, translator and wit.
"Drop the political in the title and form an international board of directors including people like Harry Belafonte and Sting. The festival should be based on human rights rather than political ones." For British observers, the main interest this year lay in an appearance by the Northern Irish musicians Andy White and the Class Men. Not as overtly political as Billy Bragg, White regaled the audience with a lively set that had

touches of Van Morrison, Bob

Dylan and the Pogues. New songs such as "Travelling Circus" are

Andy White has been wowing East Berlin's Festival of Political Song. Rose Rouse met the Belfast songwriter



Andy White: he writes "modern Belfast sungs for everyone" in an attempt to break down political burriers

wistful; others like "Groovy Kind of Way" are poppy and infectious, while old songs like "Reality Row" are pure Bob Dylan.

Tall and skinny with a head of

unkempt curly hair, White first came to my notice on the now

Test when he sang "Religious Persuasion", an angry song about sectarianism in Northern Ireland. in a raw but consuming manne while perched on the top of a

"It's funny" he says, "I've never been to a gig where someone didn't see that programme." Since then, he's recorded three albums, toured America, lived in London and moved back to Belfast, "An Irish journalist tenamed the first album Paddy Grows Up, the second one Paddy Goes Away and the third one Paddy Comes Home," he laughs. His third album, *Himself*, is just released ("the title is meant to be funny, like when someone comes into the room and you say 'Ah, it's

Ex-Cambridge graduate and re-searcher for Wogan, White started off with the Bragg philosophy of doing it on his own. However, he soon discovered he preferred playing with a band. They are all from Northern Ireland, which White regards as important. "We're the only group that have done every-thing in Northern Ireland," he says. "Dublin has all the structures for bands, like rehearsal studios. It's much harder in Belfast."

White has written songs -including "20 Years on Himself" about the continuing violence in Northern Ireland. "We write modern Belfast songs for everyone," he says, "but our perspective is straight down the middle. We're not polarizing people, we're not putting up more barriers."

Being at the East Berlin festival served to reinforce White's views that there are parallels to be drawn between East Germany and Northern Ireland.

Andy White and the Class Men play at the Mean Fiddler, High St. Harlesden, London NW10 (01-961 5490) on March 10, and the Powerhaus, Liverpool Rd, London NJ 201 227 2218) tomography 7, 200 Powerhaus, Liverpool Rd. London N1 (01-837 3218) tomorrow, 7.30.

WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by Devid Sincials, David Toop and Rose Rouse

THE PALE SAINTS: Leads trio in The PALE SAINTS: Leon tro in the forefront of the new wave of indie bands. Their début album The Comforts of Madness is a metancholy affair which betrays such impeccably hip influences as My Bloody Valentine, Spacemen 3 and the Jesus And Mary Chain. IGng Tut's Wah Wah Hut, 272 St Vincent Street Glascow (141 221 Vincent Street, Glasgow (041 221 5279) tonight, 9pm, 24. Dance Factory, Ward Road, Dundee (0332 26836) Sunday, 10.30pm, 23. Invende. 57-59 Methourne Street, Newcastle (091 261 4386) Monday, 7 30pm 63

THE CREATURES: Out of the Banshess comes Sicussia, the loopy ice Queen, and Budgle, her faithful Tin Man, on extra-curricular faithful Tin Man, on extra-curricular manoauvres to promote their beguling Boomerang album and latest single "Fury Eyea".

Queen Margaret Union, 22
University Gardens, Glasgow (041 339 9784) tonight, Bpm, 25.
University of Salford, University House, The Crescent (061 745 5000) Saturday, 8pm, 28.
University of East Anglia, The Plain, Norwich (0603 505401)
Sunday, 7,30pm, 28,50.

YARGO: When they first appeared, Manchester's bluesy Yargo seamed to be the urban sound of the moment. Their album, Communicate, proved to be an anti-climax, however, so there is potential to live up to. Support act M C Buzz B is perhaps the most promising rapper in Britain; his last single "How sleep the Brave" daringly used Deve Brubeck's "Track Five".

University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1 (01-323 5481), tonight, 7.30pm, 25.

STELLA CHIWESHI: According to Zimbabwe's musical conventions the Mbira or thumb plano has always been a male instrument.
Stella Chiweshi, who began playing the instrument in 1905, has changed that with her inspired mix of traditions and new Ideas.

She first came to Britain supporting Thomas Mapfumo; now her fame is growing in world-music circles.

Africa Centre, King Street, WC2 (01-836 1973), tonight, 9pm, 28.

ANCIENT BEATBOX: The post modernlats of roots music, these are musicians whose purpose is defined by their name. Hurdy gurdy, folk fiddle, drum machine and ominous keyboards, all coexist in an impressively realized globel sci-fi medievalism. Subterania, Acklam Road, W10 (01-960 4590), Monday, 8pm, 25.

THE SUNDAYS: Queen of the India bands, the Sundays are at the height of cult popularity at present. Skilled popticians, they use their guitars and tyrics to soothing, subtle effect. They have recently ed on album called Reading

Writing.
Town & Country, Highgate Road,
NW5 (01-284-1221) today, 7pm £7

DIMMEN LADIES: Sensitive urban folk group who play eco-friendly tunes on two stick instruments including the cello. If you are feeling in the mood for melody with e social conscience, this is the

g social considerios, ties is the bend for you. Mean Fiddler, 24-28a High Street, Hertiseden, NW10 (01-261 5490) tomorrow, 8pm, £5.

VALLEY OF THE DOLLS: Five piece, all-tenrals band, who believed in powerful playing rather than girlie reticence. Dubbed the Bangles With Guts, they attract men followere plus grimlends. John Bull, 590 Chiswick High Road, London W4 (01-994 0082)

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BLACK RAIN (18): Crime story directed by Ridley Scott about a hardboiled New York cop (Michael Douglas) pursuing a Japanese gangs through Caska (125 mins). Camnon Baler Street (01-835 9772). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.10. Late Fri, Set 11.00.

Cannon Fullment Road (01-370 2696). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00. Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30. Late Fri, Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.35, 9.15

FAMELY BUSINESS: Comedy-drama drawn upon a novel by Vincent Patrick with Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffman as members of a family of crime (100

Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.05, 2.45, 5.35, 8.25. Lase Fri, Sat 11.15.

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): The Disney studio's endearing, family-slanted variation on *The Incredible* Shrinking Man, with Rick Moranis as the shrinks his children to minuscule si Directed by Joe Johnston (102 mins). Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45. Late Fri,

Odeon West End (01-930 5252), Progs. 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.45. 7.10, 3.30, 6.10, 3.40, Odeon Swins Cottage (01-722 8905). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, Camon Cheisen (01-352 5096). 1.30, 3.45, 7.30, 9.40,

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): AT updated version of a Pe causes controversy in Montreal.
Strained satirical fireworks from Denys
Arcand, Canadian director of The Decline of the American Empire (120

mins). Lamiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.00, 3.80, 6.05, 8.40. Lete Pri, Sat 11.15. Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.

E PARENTHOOD (12): Episodic heartm PAREIT HOUD (12E EDISORIC MARY warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of reising children. Features a large, excellent cast (Stam Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Jeson Roberds) (114 mins). Cannon Fullham Road (01-370 2536). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05. Cannon Oxfort St (01.894 694 m. Carsion Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15. Late Fri, Sat

Pleze (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30. Late Fri, Set 11.15. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 12.45, 3.35, 6.45, 9.20.

SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior timiler crackling with electricity. At Paoino stars as a New York cop who becomes Common Balour Street (01-935 9772). Props 2-25, 6-40, 6-20. Late Fri, Sat 11-00.

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Whitneys (01-792 3903). Progs 1.05, 4.05, 6.55, 6.25. D STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dewoting but handsome version of Arabert Harding's play about the cameraderie of Southern women, gathered together in a beauty pariour. With Sally Field, Dolly Parton and Stierley MacLaine, Directed by Herbert Ross (117 mins). Odeon Haymarket (01-339 7697). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25, Odeon Kambagası (01-602 0544). Progs 12.35, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40.

Catanon Crasson (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.56, 9.25. Whiteleye (01-792 3303). Progs 1.35, 4.15, 7.05, 9.35. SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role at the Liverpool housewile rediscovering romance (109 mins).

• Ceretos Fulfram Novel (01-370 2095).

Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20. Empire (01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.15, 3.55, 6.50, 9.35.

TURNER AND MOOCH (PG): Predictable copend-dog entics given some charm by Torn Hanks as the police investigator (90 mins). Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0831). Progs 2.20, 4.50, 7.30.

When HARRY MET SALLY (15): Engaging romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fell for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 mins). Cannon Chelese (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45. Odeop Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Vaccon Kensington (01-802 6644/5). Props 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late Fri, Sat 11.15. Delen

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THEATRE

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☆ ANOTHER TIME: Abort Finney and Janet Suzman in fuzzy play about South African whites and a genius planist. Wyndhaur's Theetre, Charing Cross Roed, WC2 (01-857 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8pm, mets Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£16.

☆ CONTEMPORARY NOH: Triple-bill made up of a 14th-century Noh play, a Kyogen comic interfude and Beckett college drawn from Waiting for Godot and other places, with the author's

consent.
Theetre Museum, Russell Street, W1 (01-836 2330). Tube: Covent Garden. Yonight Spm, S84 Spm, 28-27. (D) # MY HEART'S A SUTTCASE: Frances Barber in Clare McIntyre's new play tries to sort her life out on a Brighton

holiday. Royal Court Theetre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, 24-212.

nr THE PRICE: Welcome revival of Arthur Miller's fine play where two brothers discover their dead father's character and their own: with Bob Peek, David Calder and Alan MacNaughtan. Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo, Mon-Set 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £10. r RACING DEMON: Richard Eyre directs David Hare's new play with Michael Bryant as one of a group of

musican by yarf as one of 8 group of London clergymen trying to do good in their inner-city mission.
National Theatre (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE (01-925 2252). Tube: Waterloo, Tonight 7.30pm, tomorrow 2.30pm and 7.30pm, £8.50. In reportoire, (0)

OUT OF TOWN

Clark's production funded by the series of Interviews with Nesl Foster, who plays Constantine, secured with Dustin Hoffman, lan McKellen and other theatrical greats last year.

Repentory Studie Theetre, Broad Street (021 236 4465), Mon-Sat 7,30pm, 25-66. LEATHERHEAD: & How Steeple Stocking Wenderlay Wenderlay Wen the F.A. Care Stage version of J.L. Carr's touchingly lump rovel. Thomofile Theetre, Church Street (0372 377677). Tongott Spm, tomorrow 4pm and 7pm, 25-29.

Prayers for a grocer



In rehearsal: Marsha Millar and Stephan Kalipha play the comic twosome in Jimi Rand's Say Hallelujah

Tea years ago a sand number of theatre companies in this country were argualed by blacks for black scients. A great deal of progress has been made since then, largely due to the inspiration and work of Anton Phillips, Jamaica-born, trained in theatre in New York and England, and founder of Carib Productions in 1979. This was the company that recently put on James Baldwin's The Amen Corner at the Tricycle and took it to the West End. In 1983 he set up the first Black Theatre Season at the Arts Theatre, initially a biennial event but now an annual feature of the Landon theatre season benefit Riversian Studies.

This year's season opens with Jimi Rand's Say

Hallelajah, a comedy set in the house of an easy-going West Indian grocer, played by Stephan Kalipha, whose wife wants to hold a prayer meeting in their livingroom. The director is Malcolm Frederick, the Artistic Director of Black Theatre Co-Operative. On April 2, Alby James of Temba Theatre directs Eden by the New York writer Steve Carter; and on April 23 the Artistic Director of Talawa Theatre, Yvonate Brewster, directs Maria Oshodi's Blood Sweat and Pears. Say Hallelnjak, Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354). Previews tonight and tomerrow, 7.30pm, opens February 26, 7.30pm, then Monday to Saturday 7.30pm, 24.50. Jeremy Kingston

CONCERTS

CITY COLOURS: The RCM 2001 Century Ensemble is conducted by Edwin Rooburgh in Messisen's Couleurs de la Cité Celeste. Royal College of Missic, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (01-589 3843), 7pm, fine.

the CAMPUD, AMOUNDESS ARRIVEY LIBOR conducts the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Leonard Bernstein's Candide Overture, Symphony No 2 "The Age of Amodest" and Tehnikovsky's Symphony No 5.

Royal Feetival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, and SA 92 and

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★ CANDID, ANDROUS: Andrew Litton

Russian virtuoso undertakes Chopin's Plano Sorate Op 58 and Tchallenvsky's 12-movement The Sausons.

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Norrington conducts the City of Elimingham Symphony Orchestre in Beethoven's Pisno Concerto No 5 "Emperor" (Bernard Roberts, soleto and Symphony No 3 "Eroka", Terminal Line (021 256 30m), 7pm, £3.50-£16.

A MESTER MUSIC: The RPO in

conducted by Jorge Mester in Sibelius's Symphony No 5, Eiger's Cello Concerto (sololat, Paul Torteller) and Resplight's Fontane di Forna. Barbican Cestre, Sik Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.39pm, 25-218.

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or INEXTINGUISHABLE: The BBC SO Is conducted by Andrew Davis in Meisan's Symptomy No 4 "The Inextinguishable." Each con Courty, St. Street, London EC2 (01-430 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, 73-E14-100) SUNDAY

 ★ LYMPANY/CHOPIN: Moura Lympany
(plano) with an all-Chopin programme of
Preludes Op 28, Etudes, Noctumes and
Scherzo No 8. London W1 (01-935 2141), 4pm, 25-28. th IT'S RAIMING: The excellent Opus 20 string ensemble gives the world premieres of Bennett Hogg's If a Raiming and Dominic Muldowney's Hymns to Agaps, adding Ruggle's memorable Portals and Stravinsky's Applied Memorable

Percell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), Spm, 23-26.

THE CRAMPS: High-kitson psychobilly warriors led by the deranged duo of Lux Interior and Polson by

(001 275 3775), tonight 7.50pm, 25-27. Hearningbird, Date End, Birmingham (021 643 4236), Sat 7.30pm, 27. Studie, Progmore Street, Bristol (027); 278193), Sun 7.30pm, 17. Wigmore Hell, 35 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, 25-

& PETER HAMBIELL: William enigmatic, ex-Van Der Graaf Generator lauder, abroad with a band for the first time in 10 years to promote his lates arbum, Out of Water. Intercellment, 47 Anson Road, Manchester (001 236 2577), suright

Born, £5.50 Gardner Centre, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (0273 685861), Set 7.45pm, £5.50.

IT THE SUMDAY'S Great white hopes of the Indie set. This date originally scheduled for February 11, but postported when singer Harriet Whe suffered a throat infection. Original

tickets willd. Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-234 0803), 7pm, 25.

SUNDAY

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** JOHANY CLEGG & SAVUKA: (see picture below)

Minchester (061 236 4355), 7.30pm, 22.

**Tom PHILLIPS: The flewary correspond artist's portrait paintings of friends and celebrities in the art world.

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switching his singing between English and fluent Zain.

Johnny Clegg (right), who was born in Rochdale, near Manches-ter, emigrated to South Africa at the age of six, where he immersed blumelf in Zain culture. He built a career playing with native black musicions when to do so was chill regarded as an aberration. Now a star on the international stage, his seamless fusion of western rock and township jive is beginning to sound like a pan-African version of Phil Collins on his new album Crael, Crazy, Beautiful World. But his shows retain an insistent, colourful exuberance with Clegg

DANCE

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TODAY

displaying more verve than sidil, the all-black big bend remains an exciting, unpredictable unit. Warwick Arts Centre, Gabbet Hill Road, Coventry (0203 417417), 8pm, £4.50-£8.50.

★ CAROL GRBNES: A much under-rated blues-jazz singer, usually backed by a band featuring planist Steve

Lodder. Vortex Jazz Ber, 139 Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 (01-254 6516), tonight, 8.30pm, 23. HQ Restaurant, Camden Lock, London

NW1 (01-485 6044), tomorrow 9.30pm,

TOMORROW

TOMBLY CHASE: Irrepressible her bop from the drummer's band, always

popular with the dance crowd. Double Bass, 162 Earl's Court Road, London SW5 (01-835 2021), 9.30pm,

OPERA

** LA TRAVIATA: Helen Field in Ively revival of Cevid Pountney's thoughtful production for English National Opera. Collemen, 5t Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, 23-

DON GROVANCE: Devid Preeman's letest challenging production for Opera Factory London Strifonista, high on sex and commedia dell'arte, and with Omar Ebrahim in the title role.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-926 8800), 7-10pm, 28-£18. (0)

ATHE CRUCIBLE: Robert Ward's new opera based on Arthur Miller's play is presented by the Opera Course of the Royal Academy of Music.

RAMI, Manylebrane Rosal, London MW1 (01-935 5461), 7.30-10pm, free.

DYLAN THOMAS: Talk and readings by

Rechet Barnes. Lecture Room, National Portrait Gallery.

Bt Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-830 1552), 1.10pm, free.

GREEN AND PLEASANT?: Nicole

Douek on "The balance of nature in ancient Egypt" Assyrien Basement, Lecture Theatre

Assyrian Bissement, Lecture Theatre, British Musuem, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), 1.15pm,

GALLERIES

SPRING COLLECTION: New sculptures by Tony Hayward in whose work familier household objects are slightly attened and grouped together. Artsite, 1 Pierrepont Piece, Bath (0225 461659). Tues-Sun 10,30am-7pm, free, until Arr

RUSHTON AUST: Hend-printed and painted textiles and wall-hangings. Contemporary Applied Arts, 43 Eartham Street, London WCZ (01-836 6993). Mon-Sat 10em-5.30pm, free, until Mar 24.

making a site-specific work in the Henry Moore Sculpture Shudio. Deen Clough Art Gellery, Deen Clough, Hallbux (0422 345031). Mon-Fri 10em-opm, Sat Sam-1pm, free, until Mar 10.

THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ANTISTS: 129th annual addibition. The Westsingther Guillery, Washington Central Hall, Storey's Gaite, London SW1 (0983 753882), Mon-Sat 10em-7pm, tree, until Mer 6.

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● I suspect that Rex Bloomstein's problem in putting together a docu-mentary on Jewish American humour was what to leave out. Take away Bob Hope and almost all American humour seems to be Jewish. As it is, Bloomstein manages to get through a full 90 minutes without a contribution from Mel Brooks and without even a mention of Woody Allen. As one of the comedians interviewed for Arena: Next Time Dear God Please Choose Someone Else (BBC2, 9.00pm) puts it, the Jews make up 2.7 per cent of the American population and



A sample of Jewish humour: from the comedicane Joan Rivers (BBC2, 9.00pm)

account for 60 to 70 per cent of its humorists. Bloomstein's method is anthology spiced with analysis. There are samples of Jewish humour, in person and on film, from the Marx Brothers and the octogenarian Milton Berle, through Jackie Mason and Joan Rivers to sharp young inheritors of the tradition still in their twenties. As for pinning down the essence of Jewish humour, as distinct from other strands, this is more tricky. The pain of the Jewish experience, as immigrants from European persecution from the 19th century through the Nazi holocaust, has done much to shape the irony and fatalism. Not for nothing are many Jewish jokes rooted in the pain of everyday living. Joan Rivers says as much: "My routines come out of total unhappiness. My audiences are my group therapy". But it is always dangerous to generalize. As soon as Leo Rosten came out with his claim that there are no puns in Jewish humour, I thought of A Night At the Opera and Groucho Marx with his priceless muddling of Santa Claus and sanity clause. Flamboyantly presented by Steven Berkoff from what looks like the set of a (Channel 4, 6.00pm) invites a celebrity panel to decide the authenticity of two improbable stories presented on film. Tonight's offerings are a country "manhunt" undertaken by city yappies prepared to pay an unemployed building worker £500 to be the quarry; and a draughtsman with a passion for trains who claims to travel to work through disused Tube tunnels. The films are elaborate enough to hold the interest, though the panel discussion seems unnecessarily perfunctory. In the hope that you will be sufficiently grabbed to want to switch on again next week, only one of the solutions is revealed.

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6.00 Ceefax

6.30 Breakfast News with Nicholas
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9.20 Kitroy. Robert Kitroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)

10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays. Today's story is Branda the Bat by Brian Jameson 10.50 Roobert, narrated by Richard Briers (r)

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8.05 Grange Hill. Episode 16 of the children's drama serial. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (7). (Ceefax)

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7.00 Wogan. Terry Wogan's guests tonight are the Hollywood attor/director Danny DeVites and singer Dionne Warwick

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'Allo' The date of Rene's wedding to the Communist Resistance leader draws near, but Edith has a plan to replace Denise at the alter with horself. Others plotting to prevent the union are Yvette and Herr Gruber. Starring Gorden Kaya, Carmen Silvers and Vicki Michelle (r). (Cestax)

8.10 Whicker's World: Hong Kong Some of Hong Kong's richer residents open their doors to Alan Whicker. Devid Tang, who reads The 'Times and smokes cigars, talks of his grandfather who had six wives while other residents illustrate how oriental custom is still strong, even among Hong Kong's wealthiest people. (Ceetax)

1.00 Nms o'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and wealth Buerk. Regional news and wealth Cemplon: Flowers for the Judge.

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10.55 File: Gray Lady Down (1978) starring Chariton Heston, David Carradine and Christopher Reeve, Drame about an American nuclear submarine that is damaged after colliding with a Norwegian freighter. Fortytwo crew mambers survive but are left balancing on a shelf 1,500 feet down with only 48 hours of air left. Directed by David Green (Ceefax)

12.10am Barry Mundow in Concert. A chance to hear the singer perform his old favourites plus a few new ones as well (r)

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show \$.55 Thames News and 10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Mike Scott chairs another topical

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10.40 This Momes, Magazine series
presented by Richard Madeley and
Judy Finnigan. Today's edition
includes items on fashion and

beauty; pet care; and gardening.
With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets series 12.30 Home and Away. Carly produces that she is an workell.

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Theres News and

Weather 1.20 Themes Neves and weather 1.30 It's a Var's Life. This weak's programme joins James Herriot at the international veterinary congress in Harrogate. Presented by John Bacter and Arma Walker. 2.00 The Bit (r) 3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker, with guests Andrea Boardman, Anthes Turner, Alstair Divid and Peter Simon 3.25 Themes More and weather 3.30 Some and Daugistars. Wayne finds his world crumbling around him as he blames himself for Susan's "deeth" 4.00 Utterly Brilliant. Thomy Mellet explores the world of magic with Stacey Lee 4.20 Disney's Duck Tales 4.45 Fun House. Slapstick comedy show presented by Pat

comedy show presented by Pat Sharp 5.10 Home and Away (r) 5.40 News with Fiona Armatrong.

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Frank Bough and Jeni Barnett
7.00 Concentration. Memory game
show hosted by Bob Carokpes
7.30 Coronation Street. When Detak
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witton has to leave for an overnight business trip, he and Mavis are apart for the first time in their marrie lives, and Dorok's boss, an old flame of Mavis, knows it. (Oracle) 10.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cita Black springs the unexpected on another saluction of individuals in the studio and ground the country, including a bioth-fluing hank clark

studio and sround the country, including a high-flying bank clerk from Birmingham and an anniversary couple from Stockton. The Charmer Gorse, the investor. Gorse desporately needs money to finance his growing infetuation with Carlos Mannors. He continues his seduction of Joan Plumleigh-Bruce, persuading her to transfer her money into a more accessible account. Starring Nigel Havers (rl. (Oracle)

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10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and
Trevor McDonald. Weather 10.30
LWT News and weather

10.35 The Leaden Programme
examines the future for Portoballo
Road, London's famous street

market 11.05 International Athletica: Delry Creet Games. Jim Rosentral Introduces action from the indoor

Introduces action from the indoor meeting between Greet Britain and East Germany from the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. Followed by ITN News headlines 12.00 Beauty and the Beaut.
Catherine's life may be in danger when eite begins to investigate a Mob-related death on the waterfront 1.00 The James Whale Radio Show.
More controversy with Whale and his studio guests as callers by to keep him interested for 60 seconds. Followed by ITN News headlines 2.00 Cinemattractions. Stove March

runs through some of the big cinema hits currently on in America.

2.30 The Fall Guy: Life of Riley. A man who has skipped bell asks Cott to help find his kidnepped daughter

3.30 Skid Tips. More helpful advice from

the expens. 4.00 Ski World. Fun in the sun and snow with a look round some of the

snow with a look round some of the top ski resorts in Europe.
Followed by News headings.

4.30 Crusade in Europe: Sicily — Operation Husky (b/w). The Allied forces manage to fool the Germans into thinking they will land at the western end of Sicily.

5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

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6.45 Open University: Motion — Newton's Laws 8.00 Plane 6.15 Wasserson 9.00 Ceefax.

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9.15 Daytime on Two includes, at
10.25, making a television
programme in a Scottish studio
12.00 Spanish for beginners 12.15
Vandals and vanoalism and
12.45 Abusive language discussed by young and old

2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the very young 2.15 Weekend Outlook (r)

2.20 Sport on Friday. World Cup hockey from Lahore; World Indoor bowls from Presson; and a preview of the first Test between West Indies and England. News and washes at 3.00 and 3.40

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from Preston Guild Half
5.00 Clean State. The pros and cons of schools opting out from local authority control 5.36 Food and Drink (1)

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b/w) starring William Harinell.
Cornedy about a sergeant who
accepts a ber that his malaciner
platoon will pass out as the mar
squad. Directed by Gerald Thomas
7.30 Ahlmation Nove Marida's Spare

7.30 Visions. Joanna Foster, chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission behaves that British is still a place where women are discriminated against and exploited. (London only)

exploited. (London only)

8.00 Public Eye: The Poli Tax — Fair or Flawed? In a few weeks' time, people in England and Wales will begin to pay the poli tax. Peter Taylor and John Andrew examine the new lax's impact in Scotland

8.30 Gardanam World. The first of a three-part guide to conservatories

9.00 Assum Naxi Time Cast God Please Choice Someone Elee (see Choice)

10.30 Novembold 15.15 Westler

11.29 Film: Double Indexpity (1944
b/w) starring Barbara Starwyck and
Fred MacMurray. A wife plots
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and then collect the insurance
money on his life. Directed by Silly
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9.25 Schools

12.00 The Parliament Programme

12.30 Business Daily

1.00 Sesame Street

2.00 Tourism: The Welcome Business.
Part two — how Britain is sold to the tourists (r). (Oracle)

2.30 North and South, Book II. Episode three and after the battle of Gattesburg Billy once sheart

2.30 North and South, Book II. Episode three and after the battle of Gettysburg, Billy goes absent without leave to see his wife Brett in South Carokina (r)
4.15 Movie Museum (b/w). The Unappreciated Joke and Streetcar Chivalry (1907). Plus archive footage of Rudolph Valentino
4.30 Countdown
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Domestic comedy starring Lucille Ball
5.30 A Hundred Acres. The first of a series about a small area of British countryside in the south-west containing a river, two woods, farmland and water meadows. Presented by Clay Jones
5.45 Painted Tales. Series almed at developing children's interest in art 6.00 True or False (see Choice)
6.30 Mork and Mindy starring Pam Dawber and Robin Williams
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. Weather
7.55 Bookcholce. Or Peter Jones reviews Caligula — The Corruption of Power, by Anthony A. Barrett, (Oracle)
8.00 The Great Moghula. Part four examines the rule of Jahangir, the first moghul to inherit a strible empire. Presented by Bamber Gascolone
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Gascoigne 2.20 Walkie Talide, Muriel Gray in conversation with Charlotte Rampi 9.00 International Athletics: The Dairy Crest Games. Great Britain v East Gamany at the Kelvin Hall,

Glasgow
18.00 Whose Line is it Amway? Offthe-cuff comedy senes
19.30 One Hour with Jonathan Ross.
The guests are Tony Benn, Paule
Yates, Sim Gaillard, vampire
hunter Sean Manchester and Mark
E. Smith

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11.30 Film: Worlding Girls (1988). A
documentary-style film looking at the
inner workings of a small

Manhattan brothel. Directed by
Lizzie Borden

1.15am What's Cooking? Maya
Brandt's animated short exploring
political and sexual power
structures. Ends at 1.30

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Summerslam '89 3.00 am Main Event
Wrestling: Hulk Hogan v "Macho King"
Randy Savage

SKY NEWS

5.00am International Business Report
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00cm The Shopping Channel
2.00cm Table for Five (1915): A
divorced father (Jon Voight) battles for the
custody of his three children
4.50 The Dat Blass Idd (1985): Fiver
Billingsley takes on a gang of bikers
6.00 A Bunny's Tale (1985): Kirstle Alley
stars as a reporter who, in 1963, went
undercover as a bunny girl at a Playboy
club to research an article
7.40 Emertainment Toolgat
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5.00mm As Sky One 5.30 Menu 5.06 Tennis: Indoor Classic 12.00 Stattgart Classic Tennis 5.00 World Cup Nords: Skring 5.00 1963 Rodeo Showdown and Weatern Festival 7.00 WWF Prime Time Wrestling 9.00 Ford Ski Report 16.00 Tennis: Indoor Classic

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW News on the hour (except 8.00pm). Headines 5.30mm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00mm Nex Lister 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunnitord 3.30 Adrian Glorit Hunnford 2.20 Adrain Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Syd Lewrence in Concert 7.20 Friday Night Is Music Night 9.30 The Organist Entertains 10.00 The Golden Years 10.30 An Actor's Life For 11.05 Billy Butter 1.000m Nightnde 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

S.00am Morgermagazin S.35 News in German; Headines in English and French S.50 Fenancial News S.55 Weather and Travel News G.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.90 World News 7.98 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 7.20 Eastern Europe: The Flight from Communism 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Review 9.00 News 8.09 Reviews of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Seven Seas 19.01 Focus on Faith 16.20 Gold and Silver 11.00 World News 11.09 News about British 11.15 Stones by Katherine MensSeld 11.30 Midl Magazine 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Eastern Europe: The Flight from Communer 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 1.33 John Peel 2.00 World News; Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelt: Confedence Man 2.45 At Horne With ... Fred Perry 3.00 Newsreel 2.15 Music Review 4.00 News 4.00 News 5.00 Commentary 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Sor 6.15 BBC English 5.00 News 5.00 Commentary 5.15 The World Today 5.31 Londres Sor 6.15 BBC English 8.30 Science in Action 8.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 The Story Lives On 9.30 People and Politics 19.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Commentary 5.15 The World Today 9.15 The Story Lives On 9.30 People and Politics 19.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.05 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.05 Commentary News 1.30 Health Feature: Org Addiction 1.45 Book Choice 1.50 New Ideas 2.00 Newshour 1.30 News 4.00 News 6.00 The World Today 9.30 The Virtage Chart Show 4.00 Newscask 4.30 The World Today 9.31 The Story Lives On World News 3.09 News shoul British 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Virtage Chart Show 4.00 Newscask 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nectional and Presseschau

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6.35 News and Weather
7.90 Morning Concert: Fauré
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Academy of St Martin-Inthe-Fields under Neville
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William Civiste and
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harpsichords); Poulenc
(Sonata: Alan Civil, horn,
John William, trumpat,
John Nesun, trombone) 6.35cm Open University (PM

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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London; Stravinsky
(Dumberton Osks: Dumbarton Oaks: Ensemble Inter-Contemporain under Boulez); Fasch (Quartet in B tint: Comerate Köhl); Hanza (Suite, Telemanniana: Berlin RSD under Albrecht)

8.39 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season. Grieg
(Klokkektang: LSO under
Per Dreier; Four Moods, Op
73: John McCabe, piano;
Four Pasims, Op 74 Nos 1,
2: Oslo Cathedraf Choir
under Terje Kvam;
Haugtussa. Op 67:
Martanna Hirsti, soprano,
Rudolf Jansen, piano)

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(Capriccio Italian: Berlin PO
under Ozawa); Paisiello (Nel
cor più "La Molinara":
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Masurt, Guilliani (Vantesons
on Nel cor più, Op 65:
Medici String Quartett;
Scartatti (Sonsta, Kk 144:
Andras Schiff); Respighi
(Aria: Madrigale; Aubade:
Patricia Calnan, violin,
Stephen Selkeld, plano);
Mendetesohn (Symphorny
No 4 "Italian": Vierna PO
under Dohnányt); Pizzetti
(Violin Sonsta); trad, arr
Favera (Two Italian Songs:
Gluseppe de Stefano, tenor,
with Orchestra under
Olivierit; Boccherini (Guitar
Ouintet in D, G 448); Rossini
(Petite caprice: Lesile
Howard, plano); Bizet
(Carmaval: CBSO under
Frémeux)

12.15pan BBC Scottish SO under
Jerzy Maksymiuk performs
Leighton (Concerto for

12.13pm BOU SCOREST SO UNDER Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Laighton (Concerto for string orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 75) 1.00 News 1.05 Chamber Music from Menchanter Vursiko Chamber Music from Manchester: Yuzuko Horigome, violin, Roger Vignoles, plano, perform Bach (Partita, BWV 1004); Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 12 No 1)

2.00 Daniel Jones Symphonis BSC Weish SO under Bryden Thomson, with Martin Roscoe, plano, performs Stravinsky Capriccio); Jones

(Capriccio); Jones
(Symphony No 7)
2.45 Chilling in Luarust
performs Mozart (Quartet, K
428); Dvořák (Quartet, Q
105); Beerhoven (Quartet, II
F, Op 59 No 1)
4.30 Saint-Seins (Two Studies,
Op 111 Nos 4 and 6:
François-René Ducháble,
plano; Suite algérienne:
LSO under Yondani Butt)
5.00 Ravel and Debussy: The
planist John Bingtam planist John Bingham
performs Ravel (Gaspard de
la nuit; Debussy (Five
Préludes, Book Two) (r)

5.45 Nordic Syncopetions (new
perieu); Scandinavien
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Season. The first of a sto-part survey on the development of jazz in Scandinava. Presenter John Surmen and writer and broadcaser Johs Bargh discuss some early practitioners, including Arne Hülpher, Svend Asmussen and Cacil Aggard 6.15 The World with David Owen Norths

North 7.06 Nevs 7.06 Third Sar: Paul Hogarth in conversation with Frank Whitford on the tradition of flustrated reporting
7.30 BBC Philtermonic under
Bernhard Klee, with György
Pauk, violin, Josef Suk,
wide, perform Bartok (Munic
for street, and for strings, percussion and calesto. Live from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester.

Woman (see Choice)
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Shostakovich —
Propagandisti (r)
12.00 News 12.03 am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, with Sue MacGregor and John Humphrys, inc 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.65 Weather 8.35 Yeserday in Parliament 8.57 Weather 9.00 News

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9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with journalist John
Pilger (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: In the last of the
present series, Chris
Dunkley airs listeners' and
viewers' comments on BBC
programmes and policy
10.00 News: Special Assignment:
John Silverman reports on
the Government's plans to
make probationary terms
part of the punitive process
and less of a social service
10.30 Morning Story: The Last of
the Mining Villages, by Brian
Leyden. Read by J.J.
Murphy

Part 1 8.05 The Living Poet: Poems reflecting on visits to Britain Italy, Iran, and his first visit to the United States since childhood, are read by Alistair Elliot 8.25 BBC Phillipmonic performs

Mozari (Sictionia portorma Mozari (Sictionia concertante, K 354); Strauss (Symphonic poem, Till Eulensplegel)

9.30 The Friday Play:
Scandinavian Sesson:
Christianity at Glacier, by Halldor Linness: Translated by Magnus Mozari & Magnus Sesson Halldor Limess. Transla by Magnus Magnusson, bransatzed by Robert pramatized by Robert Ferguson, in the village of Glacier, other matters have more missuance than churchbound Christianity. With Mike Grady as the Bishop's Emissary, Denys Hewthome as Pastor Jon and Elizabeth Bell as the

Murphy
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: Dollars,
Debts and Dependence.
Roland Dallas asks if the
United States, as the

world's largest debtor nation, can maintain its economic predominace as Japanese and German economic influence continues to grow (r)
Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow finds the answers to some "green" questions 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite 12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper 12.55

Weather
1.00 The World At One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.85
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2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
introduced by Selly Jones
from Birmingham. An
interview with Chinese
student Yan Kang who is
assisting at the new Toyota
plant in Derby; a discussion
on the Safer Cities Project;
a feature on the Stoke
parent and baby day unit, a
day centre for post-netal
depressives; and a feature
on the Clarion Singers,
founded 50 years ago in
Birmingham
3.00 News; Classic Serlat: That
Hideous Strength, by
C.S. Lewis, Last of a fourpart dramatization

4.00 News
4.05 All in the Mind: Professor
Anthony Clare with the
magazine devoted to
matters of the mind. Last in
the series (r)
4.30 Keleidoscope: Brian Sibley
reviews Barry Paris's book
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Louise Brooks; and a feature on comics and graphic novels (s) (f)

5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report 6.39 Going Places: Clive Jacobs with travel and transport

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

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7.20 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonatham Dimbleby in Armegh, Northern Ireland, with panelists Kate Hoey, MP; Simon Lee, Professor of Jurisprudence, Queen's University, Belfast; and David Montgomery, editor of the Today newspaper
8.50 Law in Action: Review of events in the courts and the legal profession with Marcel Berlins. This week he reports on the newly-created Public Law Initiative and what it hopes to achieve, and examines the achieve, and examines the legal complexities surrounding Rottweller

surrounding Rottweller attacks

9.15 Kaleidoecope: A Career on the Stage — You Must Be Joking (s) (see Choice)

9.45 Letter from Americe by Alistair Cooke 9.39

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10.90 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Sick Heart River, by John Buchan (5 cf 10)

11.00 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bit Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and John Baddeley (s)

11.25 The Financial Week presented by Vincent Duggleby

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30 am News, incl 12.20

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(RADIO CHOICE)

• Christianity at Glacier (Radio 3, 9.30pm), Robert Ferenson's dramatization of the novel by the Icelandic author Halldor Laxness, sub-

Peter Davalle



Denys Hawthorne: plays the lepsoi cleric (Radio 3, 9.30pm) converts dead women into frozen fish - a relatively minor achievement for the bigamist tycoon who plans to reanimate the Egyptian mummies. In a play that is both elusive and pellucid, you won't be in the least disorientated by lines such as "Help yourself to the dried halibut before it resurrects" spoken by Denys Hawthorne as the lapsed cleric turned DIY freak. • The optimism in the title of

Paul Mayhew-Archer's continuing comedy series An Actor's Life for Me (Radio 2, 10.30pm) is absent from the title of tonight's Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 9.15pm), A Career on the Stage - You Must be Joking. Pessimistic, indeed, is the background to Michael Billington's inquiry, which I have not been able to hear, but which I am recommending because of what I am told is in it: three-quarters of the workforce out of work, and the lucky (?) ones picking up whatever happens to be on offer in television commercials. Kaleidoscope visits drama schools, and talks to

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By Hazhir Teimourian and Michael Knipe ia London and Martin Fletcher in Washington

An Iranian newspaper close to President Rafsanjani yes-terday called for the unconditional release of the Western hostages in Lebanon, prompting cautious optimism in London and Washington.

The English language Teleran Times said in an editorial carried by the Iranian News Agency that the Western hostages, of whom there are thought to be 18, had become a tool of propaganda in the hands of Western imperialism

The Foreign Office welcomed the views in the editorial and expressed the hope that they would come to

While the implications of the editorial were being carefully assessed, Whitehall sources cautioned against too much optimism given previous disappointments over the expected release of the

It is hoped that Sweden, which handles British interests in Tehran, may be able to throw some light on the true significance of the article. It was published after last week's visits to Tehran by most Shias, thought to be holding the hostages. The Lebanese Shia leaders include Sheikh Mohammad Fadhlallah, the overall spiritual leader of the Herbollah in south Beirut.

The Archbishop of Canter bury, Dr Robert Runcie, said terday of the Tehran Times statement: "This is hopeful news. It is encouraging that the release of hostages is being commended in such a direct way in Iran." His special envoy, Mr Terry Waite, is one

of the hostages.

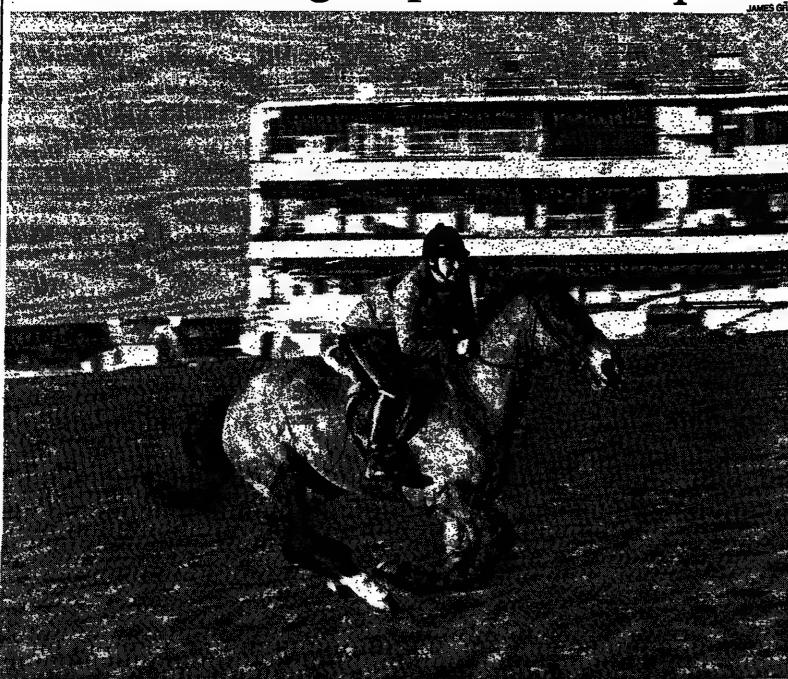
The article was seen by some political analysts as an indication of a growing sense of vulnerability in Iran because of the changes in Eastern Europe which were seen to be lessening the di-visions between the

Its publication follows a pessimistic assessment by President Rafsanjani in which he said the changes in Eastern Europe could be to Iran's

"Confrontations are turning into understandings which, in general, would give more leeway to those who are hostile to

In Washington, State Department officials noted that unlike many previous Iranian suggestions that the hostages should be released. this one appeared to attach no conditions, such as the payment of money, the unfreezing of outstanding assets or the ending of hostile US policies





Constance Scrafield, astride Patrick, galloping at Epsom yesterday after her conviction for speeding on her horse.

speeding on her horse as she through Richmond Park in south-London went to Epsom yesterday to attempt to match the turn of speed for which she had been fined £50 (Rath Gledhill writer).

Constance Scraffeld, aged 42, was greater than a hand canter" after Police Constable David Willson, or the Royal Parks Police, had said that when the horse was being ridden at a full gallop uphill his motorcycle speedometer was showing 30mph.

Scrafield, supported by other riders

who use Richmond Park regularly,

Royal Parks police yesterday and accused them of officionascus and es in carrying out the law to the very letter. being ridden at any speed greater than a hand canter, which is faster than a

the speed as "a pace used when going past the winning post in a horse race". Scrafield, who lives in Chelsea but comes from Toronto, Canada, says that galloping would be impossible up the steep incline of the ride in Richmond Park, and insists that

though Patrick is a fast and lively

sure my herse is where it should be but I have been told off once. Two policemen saw me taking a short-cut off the road and chased me."

Last night, the Royal Parks ry at Richmond decline comment. The Department of the Environment said: "The park regulations are there to be enforced."

• The Royal Parks Police is a specialist force, one created in Vic-torian or Edwardian days, which exist alongside the regular police forces today to cover areas regarded as needing their own peculiar type of cover (Stewart Tendler writes).

Political sketch

Iron Lady eyes up the men at her feet

ister's Questions, sat down, invested with building and began to chuckle. Sharing societies? a plump joke with a plump colleague, he was there to celebrate a sticky patch for Mrs Thatcher, and the launch of his fifth decade in politics.

This was a Little Boy Blue of an ex-Prime Minister. One's eye moved up from his royal blue socks to a suit whose blue the Dulux people might call "Capri" and a freshly-laundered shirt in crisp navy and white stripe. A sky-blue tie completed the ensemble. He smiled bliss-

fully: a rhapsody in blue.

Mind you, the PM was pretty chipper too. Mr Kinnock, currently passing through a sort of barrackroom-statistician stage, detained her briefly to ask whether - as she had said. inflation was "proceeding to-wards zero" - she saw its reduction from 7.9 per cent last year to 7.8 per cent now, as "proceeding". The short answer was "yes". Choosing not to break the habit of a lifetime, she gave the long one: the usual rant.

I fancy her heart was in a more agreeable task: choosing new ministers for her last, triumphant, re-shuffle, to take place (she hopes) after the next election and before she hanes up her wand. She listened intently to her

Tim Smith (Beaconsfield) did well. All Tims have nicely-creased trousers and this one is no exception. He asked a well-structured little question (about investment in Barnsley) in a manner

respectful yet confident.

Mrs Thatcher flashed an interested smile. "Hm," one sensed her thinking. "Seems like a nice boy. Bright reliable - done his homework - washed his hair ... Where has this Tim been, all my life?"

Her reply was a model of racious acknowledgement. Then, unprovoked, she lashed out at building societies. "Those who put their money in bricks and mortar." she barked. "Have done better than those who put their money in building societies."

Why in Heaven's name did she say that? Has she got the banks (who nearly scuppered student loans) confused with the building societies? And how could half the country

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The mystery unsolved, Mrs Thatcher resumed her talentsearch. This lady likes to have submissive men around her. but not the gibbering kind: they should stand straight and speak clearly. And she likes a leavening of imperti-

At present the impertinent category is under-stocked as Norman St John Stevas mistook his brief and got too impertinent, Eric Forth mistook his, and stopped being impertinent altogether, and only Alan Clark remains.

So when Neil Hamilton (C, Tatton) rose, the PM peered round with more than usual concentration. Mr Hamilton won a large libel suit against the BBC for implying that he was on the "dangerous" right. Mr Hamilton is not dangerous but he is on the right.

He has, however, a sense of humour. Chosen by The Wit of the Year", he justified the honour by his acceptancespeech alone. He claimed to have misheard the title as "Parliamentary Twit" of the year. That, he said, would be a real honour for it would have been won against real competition.

Yesterday, Hamilton had a question about how glasnost had stormed Russia but still not penetrated Labour. He delivered it, above a gale of Opposition protest, in brazenly winning style.

The PM grinned broadly. "Ah!" we sensed her thinking. "Just the sort of young monkey I'm looking for. Why don't the Whips tell me about chans like this?

Three hours later, Denis Healey touched on a similar theme. "Last Sunday," he told the House. "The Observer, The Sunday Times, and the Sunday Telegraph were all backing the PM at the came time.

the world who can get Peregrine Worsthorne, Andrew Neil and Donald Trelford in the same bed at the same time. Eat your heart out, Pamella Bordes."

Matthew Parris

Synod refuses to condemn Bishop of Durham



Bishop of Durham

refused by a very large major-ity to condemn the Bishop of Durham for his opinions on the virgin birth and the

There was little support for a motion which declared that only those who upheld the traditional Christian belief in the virginal conception and bodily resurrection of Jesus It was notable that the Christ "should be eligible for, rescue of the Bishop was

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The original motion, moved by Mrs Margaret Ven David Silk, who per-Brown of Rochester, affirmed smaded the Synod that it was the General Synod's belief in the "miraculous conception" of Jesus, "without human fatherhood"; and in the raising to life of Jesus's dead body after his crucifixion.

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> He opposed amendments to add the words "virginal" to "resurrection".

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The Bishop of Durham, the

Earlier, the Synod gave a mixed reception to a report church services for family worship or for working-class areas. Sir John Stokes, the Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, said the new forms of worship could be construed as knockabout farce".

De Klerk to meet ANC

so openly because of pressure new sanctions.

from Congress. Some support for this view emerged yesterday when Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that the US should encourage negotiations in South Africa to end apartheid rather than focusing on

Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, yesterday repeated his denunciation of the British decision and insisted that neither President Bush nor Portugal had given full support to Mrs Thatcher's position as claimed by British officials.

YESTERDAY

Inverses Jersey London Minchate

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,225

ACROSS 1 Precipitately join two chiefs (9).

- 6 Crib's reportedly what will sat-
- 9 Needle one doctor inserted in
- 11 Fool starting to write excessively refined prose (5). 12 View bishop follows - correct, or a bloomer? (9).
- 13 Lower route in operation (5,3). 15 Remove from England's latest cricket side (4). 19 Structure created by social work-
- ers (4). 20 New queen's leading church pro-cession (8). 23 Piece of light music? (5-4).
- 24 More highly spirited, as Oxford is (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,224

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- 26 Sir Lucius, nonetheless, set off 27 Rough cowl Northern chimney needed (7).
- 28 Muses with Liberal about Communist (5). 29 Extravagant, as the jet set are DOWN
- Frank personal revelation House received with compassion (4,5). 2 If listened to, advertisement will
- 3 Trifles with violent murderer in extremes of ferocity (8). 4 Soldier giving right poem to old
- sweetheart (8). 5 Summons American runners collectively (5).
- 6 Stole, perhaps, a product of mine, producing outcry (6). Taking rest without protest (5.4). 8 Vacation time's beginning for
- composer (5). 14 Turning away to find amuse-ment (9).
- 16 Slips, for example, in unusually dense film (9). 17 Get urchin to lay off pig (8).
- 18 Hector not on stage to get play started (5,3). 21 Eastern commander's heartless firearm (6).
- 22 A fraction outspoken? (6). 23 Unqualified youngster, a begin-ner at the wheel (5). 25 Little room on shortened instrument (5).



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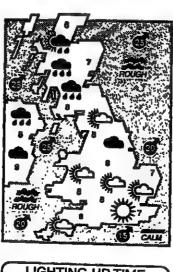
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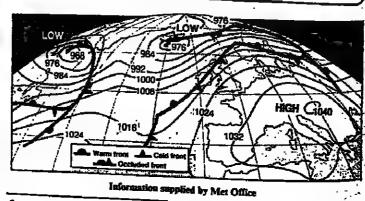
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Disposal of docks stake is halted

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Transport Secretary, has halted the Government's sale of a 20.7 per cent stake in Mersey Docks and Harbour because of the Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into shareholdings in the company. Last year, the Government appointed Kitcat and Aitken. the broker, to work on the

NSM 'rights'

NSM is calling on shareholders for £49 million via a twofor-seven rights issue at 85p. It is forecasting pre-tax profits of £26 million (£16.5 million) for 1989-90 and a dividend of 3.5p, up 0.5p. Tempus, page 22

Moat backed

Balmoral International has thrown its weight behind the £170 million bid from Queens Moat Houses for Norfolk Capital. Balmoral owns about 13 per cent of Norfolk.

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TOURIST RATES

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Still Walters ponders deep on the many evils of EMS membership





Chairing a session of a conference organized by the Cato Institute of Washington and co-sponsored by the Institute of Economic Affairs in London, Sir Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's former economic adviser, repeated his criticisms of the European Monetary System, saying: "I suppose it's possible to think up worse systems than the EMS, but it would take some time."

Elders delays plan for restructuring

By David Tweed and Stephen Leather

Elders IXL, the Australian conglomerate which owns Courage in Britain, has postponed the announcement of the details of its restructuring involving Grand Metropolitan, the British food and drinks group.

It is also delaying announcing its interim profits, orig-inally due today. They are which is preparing for federal now not expected until Tuesday or later. Mr Andrew Peacock, leader

of the federal opposition in Australia, has accepted an offer from Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, for a confidential briefing on any National Crime Authority (NCA) documents relating to deals involving Mr John Elliott,

Earlier this week it was alleged in the Australian press that the NCA, which was set up to investigate organized crime in Australia, had sought been given permission to in- matters concerning Mr Elliott with another potential buyer cent owned by Elders IXL.

ings, a company controlled by key Elders executives.

After the initial allegations, Mr Elliott denied any impropriety and accused the government of leaking the information as part of a political campaign against him. Mr Elliott is also the which is preparing for federal elections on March 24.

Mr Hawke's offer to Mr Peacock has possibly confirmed that an inquiry exists despite government policy of neither confirming nor deny-ing NCA inquiries. Mr Elliott has made it clear

that there has been no approaches made to him, any of the Elders' board or anyone associated with Elders DXL by the NCA, the National Companies and Securities Commission or by any other authorities on this matter. But it is thought the disclosure that

quire into the takeover of has a bearing on the postpone- for its brewerles, but his first Elders IXL by Harlin Hold- ment of the restructuring aim is to complete the deal aunouncement.

> The widely-anticipated restructuring involves Elders placing its 23.7 per cent stake in Scottish & Newcastle and organizing a huge asset swap with Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group. Under the deal, which Mr Elliott is still trying to seal with Mr Allen Sheppard, GrandMet chairman, Elders will gain more than half of GrandMet's brewing business and GrandMet will take over part of Courage's 5,000 public

The deal is thought to involve the sale of Grand-Met's five breweries, Truman, Watney, Ushers, Websters and Ruddles, but has been complicated by the £1 billion of debt attached to the Courage public houses.

house chain.

On Monday Mr Sheppard shareholders at the GrandMet annual meeting

with Mr Ellion.

Mr Tim Halford. GrandMet spokesman, said: "Our discussions with Elders are continuing. We hope to make an announcement by the spring. Our situation has not changed." He confirmed that GrandMet u aware of the

NAC inquiry.
The publicity about the NCA could colour the response to the restructuring and obscure what Elders regards as the positive aspects of the proposal. It is expected Elders will sell parts of the group, hive-off others, return capital to shareholders, and end up retaining its brewing

 In another development yesterday, the home and offices of Mr Geoff Lord, the managing director of Elders Resources NZFP Limited (ERL), were raided by the Victorian Corporate Affairs

National Power plans three gas-fired plants

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

ronmentally-friendly gas-fired power stations have been drawn up by National Power, the largest of the two new power-generating companies to be created next month, which originally planned five pressurized-water-cooled-reactor nuclear power stations.

The new stations will be in addition to the two gas-fired plants already planned by National Power at Killingholme on Humberside and Little Barford on the Bedfordshire border.

The new stations - National Power has eight sites identified for such developments - could be built at West Burton and Staythorpe, Not-tinghamshire and Padiham, Lancashire

While the stations are partly

being built to plug the energy gap created by the government decision to impose a four-year moratorium on nuclear power development, the plans have been criticized by the coal mions, especially the Union of Democratic Mineworkers in Nottinghamshire who hoped the proposed West Burton coal-fired station

would shortly be given government approval.

National Power already
owns the sites and has outline planning permission to build

the West Burton plant. The new study being under-

West Burton station being built, but increasing environmental pressure on the power industry means gas-fired sta-tions are more likely to be economically viable and re-ceive local planning approval.

The economics of gas-fired stations — especially with the availability of natural gas to drive combined cycle-plants which use gas in primary turbines and the exhaust heat to drive steam turbines means almost all power stations to be built in the next 10 years will be gas-fired.

Previously gas was classed as premium fuel and not used for power generation by an EEC directive. In addition British Gas had a virtual monopoly on supplies, but now it can only contract to take a maximum of 90 per cent of any new fields discovered and its must also open its pipeline grid to any company to transport its own gas supplies from site to site.

British Coal is developing its own clean-coal-burning technology which will be used in a new power station at Billsthorpe in the Nottinghamshire coal-field, but it could be five

years before its is operating.
National Power has said
that the building of a gas
turbine plant at West Burton does not rule out the building of a large-scale coal-fired taken does not rule out the power stations there.

Heseltine calls on **Britain** to free Bank

From Michael Binyon

Britain should free the Bank of England from political control to enforce monetary discipline and calm anxieties about a loss of sovereignty when Britain enters the Exchange Rate Mechanism, Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Conser-vative defence minister, said.

He said no other European country had been as successful as West Germany in the management of its post-war economy. Crucial to this was the Bundesbank, an indepen-dent central bank operating within clear rules and

"It strikes me as odd that in Britain, where we have privatized most of the public undertakings to make the market work more effectively, we have not identified what should be the central target for distancing from direct political control: the Bank of England," he told the British Chamber of Commerce here.

He noted that the Bundesbank could be overruled by the elected government in the last resort. But its independence could not be threaten without the public knowing.

He said a European committee of independent central bankers, with common rules and disciplines, would pro-vide valuable confidencebuilding experience on the journey to low-inflation stability.

His call echoes that of Mr Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, and supports the key thesis of the Delors report on economic and mon union: that this should be managed by an independent body of central bankers.

He repeated his insistence that Britain join the Exchange Rate Mechanism at the earliest practical moment. This involved no effective loss of sovereignty. And if each EC country had an independent central bank, it would make the apparently supranational implications of economic and monetary union less operous. Theoretically any country

could withdraw from such coordinating machinery without hurting its ultimate sovereignty. But it would pay a price in lost confidence. This scheme was less am-

bitious than a commitment to full EMU. It was not an alternative. But it might persnade the sceptics to take the first step precisely because it carried no implication of diminished sovereignty.

ICI turns in record £1,527m

By John Bell, City Editor

Imperial Chemical Industries. one of Britain's biggest manufacturing companies, reported record profits for 1989 of £1,527 million, up 4 per cent on the previous year. But a fourth-quarter fall in profits from £340 million to £296 million dampened market enthusiasm and ICI shares edged up 14p to 1041p. Sir Denys Henderson, the

chairman, said 1989 had not been an easy year. Demand had been at record levels in the first half but fell away as higher interest rates began to bite. The top of the business cycle was probably reached in the second quarter of last year and there was evidence of destocking in the last half, he

Turnover climbed 13 per cent to £13.2 billion. Volume gains accounted for 3 per cent, higher prices 5 per cent and favourable exchange rate movements another 5 points. Earnings per share grew 4 per cent to 135p, while total dividend payments rose 10 per cent to 55p after a second interim payment of 34p.

Midland tumbles into red after write-offs of £846m

By Neil Bennett

of £693 million the year before, after it was forced to write off £846 million in provisions against Third World debt and £31 million against local council swap

The bank also admitted it lost more than £116 million in Midland Montagu's enlarged treasury department after a senior executive decided interest rates would start to fall in the year.

"We have suffered from two serious adverse factors," said Sir Kit McMahon, the chairman, as he presented the market prices are extremely

18p, up 10 per cent. The Third World debt write-offs take Tempus.

Midland's provisions to 50 per cent, 25 per cent lower than National Westminster

which reported on Tuesday. "There is a degree of lemming-like behaviour among banks who are getting out of their debt when secondary

Midland Bank alumped to a figures, "but we have seen a low. We do not feel the loss of £261 million in 1989, lot of good developments compared with pre-tax profits throughout our business."

Midland Montagn interest income fell 31 per cent to £263 Group profits before exceptional write-offs fell 11 per cent to £616 million, although the year's dividend climbs to million after the bank merged all its treasury departments into the merchant bank subsidiary.

The bank also suffered a sharp rise in other bad debt provisions to £175 million, up from £43 million. International provisions rose to £93 million and included write-offs against loans to Mr Alan Bond. Sir Kit added few details about the banks' merger discussions with Hongkong and Shanghai

Woolwich pegs back mortgage rise

The Woolwich, Britain's third largest building society, has lifted its mortgage rate to 15.25 per cent — the best deal yet in the latest round of interest rate rises.

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The Halifax, the biggest the level of payments until building society, has fixed April 1991.

rate to 15.4 per cent from monthly repayments for most March 1. Mr Donald Kirk- of its 1.7 million borrowers ham, chief executive of the until April 1991, taking some Woolwich, said the society, in maintaining the lowest base Mr Jim Birrell, chief exe potential impact on new and

Mr Jim Birrell, chief execrate among the major building utive, said the rise would have societies, had limited the a minimal effect since 80 per cent of existing borrowers are

Liquidators at builder unable to service £200m debts

Slump in housing fells Declan Kelly

By Matthew Bond

Declan Kelly, the private housebuilder, has gone into voluntary liquidation, unable to service debts of about £200

It is the biggest housebuilder to succumb to the slump in sales, particularly in London and the South-east.
Kentish Homes, the quoted London
Docklands developer, collapsed last summer with debts of £65 million.

The decision to appoint liquidators to Declan Kelly and eight of its subsidiaries came four days after the company had approved the calling in of receivers at four developments funded by the Hali-

fax building society. Since then, other secured lenders have called in receivers at a number of other sites, giving the holding company little choice but to go into voluntary liquidation. The lenders include the Nationwide Anglia building society, which gramme in and around London. It has

Mr Neil Cooper and Mr Richard Long of Robson Rhodes, the accountant, have been appointed liquidators.

Yesterday, Mr Cooper said of the company's problems: "Until now, Declan Kelly has been one of the fastest growing private companies in the United Kingdom. I believe that the company's directors would attribute this to the downturn in the residential property

Last night, a team from the liquidators was at Declan Kelly's headquarters gathering information on the extent of the group's problems. Only two years ago, the company was thought to be contemplating a public flotation.

Declan Kelly, originally an Irish company but now based near Guilford,

has a substantial development pro-

provided the company with £12 million gained a reputation for paying land on a fully secured basis.

gained a reputation for paying land prices that other developers balk at and prices that other developers balk at and being heavily dependent on pre-selling.

Last year, it paid the Royal Mail £25 million for just two acres of land at Horseferry Road in central London, where it planned to build more than 300,000 sq ft of commercial space, as well as a residential development.

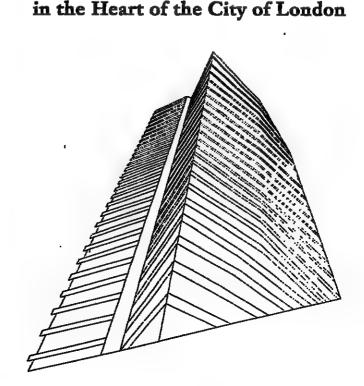
Two years ago, it paid £30 million for the site of the old St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where, jointly with Eagle Star, it was developing 585 flats priced at between £90,000 and £500,000. The slump in flat prices is thought to have left the developers facing a projected loss.

The company has more than 30 sites in London and the South-east and had plans to build up to 1,800 houses and flats. Together with its commercial property, the company's development programme has an estimated finished value of £500 million.

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TEMPUS

Debt keeps Midland house in disorder

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Unfortunately, it was not only Midland's £877 million provision against the capital of its Third World debt and local authority swaps, the minimum allowed under Bank of England guidelines, which dragged it to a £261 million loss. The treasury di-vision's gamble that interest rates would fall cost the bank 19 per cent of its pre-provision

The increasing unwillingness of Brazil and its neighbours to pay interest on their debts cost £174 million against just £7 million in 1988. At home, profits at Forward Trust fell due to rising interest rates, while the introduction of interest-bearing current ac-counts cost £28 million.

There were two shining exceptions in the results; Samuel Montagu's profits, up 168 per cent to £75 million, while Thomas Cook gained 17 per cent to £22.5 million.

ago, the bank was promising the cost/income ratio would soon be in the mid-sixties. In 1989, it rose by 2.6 per cent to Hallamshire, the opencast

per cent. Although Sir Kit is savings Midland has identi-

The Third World issue remains paramount at the bank, which still has £2.16 billion of unprovisioned debt, and is unwilling or unable to write it off or sell it. The provisions have left the bank's core capit-al ratio at 5.4 per cent, down from 6.5 per cent, and have restricted the year's dividend growth to 10 per cent at 18p. Midland's shares, at 348p,

have been supported by its likely merger with Hongkong and Shanghai. If not, they would probably be below the 345p-a-share net asset value. There is growing feeling the merger will come this year, although shareholders should not expect a cash bonanza from the crown colony. Little to go for otherwise.

NSM

NSM's £49 million rights issue took a number of people by surprise, not least Mr David McErlain, the former chairman, whose current vehicle, Anglo United, holds 21.5 per Midland's costs also need cent of the equity. But in a urgent attention. Three years way, the scene for the cashraising exercise was set while he was still at the helm. NSM is the old Burnett &

ORIGINAL SCHEDULE FLZ: RE-NUMBERED FIS



Cash sought for opencast coal expansion: NSM's Don Carr 1988. Barely five months later, NSM splashed out £82 million on Bison, the supplier of pre-cast concrete floors, Although it issued £55 million

of paper at the time, the deal left NSM highly geared. Without the proceeds of the rights issue, NSM's net debts chairman, said that the money

coal mining group which Mr would now be equal to McErlain rescued by way of an shareholders' funds of £32 asset swap with Anglo early in million. But at least the company has a good set of figures to get it away. Pre-tax profits are forecast to rise from £16.5 million to £26 million in the 12 months to March, thanks to a 41 per cent underlying improvement at Bison.

Mr Don Carr, the present

company's opencast coal operations in Britain and America and to develop the coal sites for waste disposal. But it is hard to take at face value his insistence that the move was not motivated by opportunism. It is also worrying that a £6.5 million provision has been made against a Scottish opencast coal site acquired from Anglo.

The terms of the issue are two for seven at 85p and NSM's shares fell 8p to 96p on the announcement. At 93½p ex-rights, the shares reflect a prospective p/e ratio of 9, fully diluted, assuming profits of £38 million in 1990-91. The Kuwaiti Investment Office is taking up the rights on its 15 per cent stake, although An-glo, which reduced its holding in NSM in September, has still to make up its mind.

British Gas

Either British Gas has its costs under better control than was thought, or it is really running scared of Mr James Mackinnon at Ofgas.

A 7.5 per cent increase in prices for the coming year looks a couple of points short of what might have been, particularly since the company had some headroom by carrying forward a positive K. factor from last year. Under its agreement with

FIRM GAS - SCHEDULED REFERENCE PRICE

was needed to expand the Ofgas it is permitted to raise its price to reflect any increase in the cost of its gas, but it is restricted to inflation less 2 per cent when it comes to recouping non-gas costs.

> What is interesting is that the announcement has been brought forward by a month. suggesting the group is anxious not to allow rising gas prices to affect profits. Since an index-linked price rise has long been built into calculations, the rise has little implication for profit projections. But it would appear to confirm that staff cutbacks and other cost-cutting measures are having

> Forecasts for net income in the year to end-March are being nudged lower with every day without frost, and now range from £950 million to £975 million. Next year, analysts say, look for anything between £1.14 billion and £1.2

appear to have absorbed, as yet, is the full implication of the group's promise to increase its dividend rates. This should mean a 12p net payment next year, indicating a dividend yield of 7.3 per centat yesterday's 219p, an unreasonably high premium to those of BP and Shell Given too the group's relative immunity to recession, this is the wrong time to sell.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Stagecoach to face MMC investigation

Stagecoach Holdings, a bus operations group with headquarters in Perth, is to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) following its acquisition of two bus operations in the Portsmouth and Havant area.

The investigation has been ordered by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade and Industry Secretary, on the advice of the Office of Fair Trading, because of possible effects on competition, both for bus services and in taking on bus contracts, such as uneconomic rural services which are subsidized by a local authority. The investigation centres on the acquisition by Stagecoach of Portsmonth Citybus last October when Stagecoach, the previous August, had acquired the Southdown bus operation — a direct competitor of Citybus. It gives Stagecoach about 90 per cent of the bus operations market locally, it is estimated.

York Water at the double

pre-tax profits from £502,000 to £1.06 million on turnover up from £4.25 million to £5.2 million for the year end-December, 1989. York has so far escaped the attentions of the French water conglomerates, al-though Equity & Law is thought to have an 18 per What the market does not cent stake. Dividends will be paid at the maximum rates --3.5p for ordinary shares and 4.2p for preference.

EFT Group ahead 7%

Edinburgh Financial Trust, the former investment trust that has been transformed into a merchant bank called EFT Group, has increased pre-tax profits by 7 per cent to £1,31 million on turnover up 72 per cent to £5.72 million for the year to end-December. But earnings per share fell from 3.25p to 3p, while the dividend is up from 0.7p to 1p. Net assets per ordinary share fell from 33p

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Sinclair Goldsmith up

Sinclair Goldsmith, the commercial property agent, raised interim profits despite what Mr Edward Langton, the chairman, described as "tougher market conditions."

In the six months to November the company made pre-tax profits of £956,000, a rise of under 2 per cent. After a slightly increased tax charge, earnings per share were static at 5.54p. The interim dividend of 1.5p is also unchanged. According to Mr Langton, the board regards the current year as a period of consolidation, with overheads being cut to cope with what it sees as difficult times ahead. The company came to the market three years ago, via a placing at 90p a share, but in the last year it has bought in 1.25 per cent of its own shares for

Seacon rises to £1.53m

Seacon Holdings, the Third Market shipping and steel importing group based in London's Docklands, has reported a 10 per ceut rise in pre-tax profits to £1.53 million for the year to end-September. Earnings per share rose from 15.78p to 17.46p, and a final of 1.95p makes 3.15p (2.5p). The company, which last month sold Mildford Docks Co for £5.7 million, said the current year would be difficult.

Vantage asset value up 21%

The net asset value at Vantage Securities, the investment trust, increased by 21 per cent to 131.5p. Gross income advanced by 12 per cent to £214,000, while net revenue climbed by 17 per cent to £107,000. Earnings rise from 3.05p to 3.55p per share and the final dividend is improved from 2.4p to 2.9p, making 3.5p for the year, compared with 3p last time. The shares firmed by

STC wins £15m order

has won a third order from British Telecom for a big international services exchange produced by Northern Telecom, STC's largest single shareholder. The order is valued at about £15 million and was won against competition which included AT&T of the US and Sweden's LM Ericsson. The new exchange is part of a £50 million project to strengthen British Telecom's position as a key world carrier and international but The Statement in the International But The International But

and international hub. The exchange, to be sited at Madley, Herefordshire, will support 45,000 lines and will be one of the largest of its type in the world.

Proxy votes 'back Rosehaugh rights'

Mr Godfrey Bradman, chair-man of Rosehaugh, the residential and commercial property developer, appears to be winning the battle to persuade institutional shareholders to approve the company's £125 million rights

Final approval must wait for this afternoon's extraordinary meeting, but proxies are understood to have been arriving at the offices of SG Warburg, the company's financial adviser, heavily in favour of the one-for-one issue being approved.

A high level of proxy votes has been received, accounting for about 30 per cent of the company's equity. Although Warburg declined to comment, the proxies received so far are thought to be running issue being approved.

shares stood at 465p. They recourse form.



Godfrey Bradman: closed yesterday at 357p. However, the new shares are being issued at 200p, a discount that the institutions appear to have been unable to

Rosehaugh announced the rights after group borrowings had risen from £262 million to 49 per cent in favour of the £410 million in seven months. The company has a further Before the rights issue was £962 million of borrowings off announced Rosehaugh's balance sheet, most in non-

EC ministers agree insurance proposal

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

European Community min-country. The directive will isters have given their initial approval to a new strategy for the European insurance market, to be launched this year by Sir Leon Brittan, EC Commissioner for financial services.

Sir Leon claims his measures will end the fragmented nature of insurance in the EC. although he may meet stiff opposition from the governments of West Germany, Spain, Greece and others, which still cushion their insurance companies from foreign competition.

British insurance firms are, arguably, the most competitive in the Community, and stand to gain heavily from the new Commission strategy.

Central to the strategy will he a proposed "single passport" giving insurance companies the right to sell both life in the Community. and non-life policies to clients anywhere in the Community. isters gave a first nod of This will be subject to approval to this, and other clearance only from the planned measures, during a authorities of their home meeting in Brussels yesterday.

ensure that national prudential standards are acceptable to all Community countries

Sir Leon said it was crucial to guarantee adequate protec-tion for policy-holders and third parties, while encouraging insurance companies to ofter more flexible services at better prices.

Later this year, Sir Leon will also propose allowing private pension funds to sell pensions to clients throughout the Community.

This would pave the way to the creation of "pan-European pension funds," according to the Commission.

The rules would also ensure that pension funds could be managed from abroad, and their assets invested anywhere EC internal market min-

Contract Customers of Price Increases With effect from 1st March 1990 British Gas will apply the following revised Scheduled Reference Prices to the tables incorporated within Schedules CSP1 and FI2.

British Gas Advises its

The appropriate revised prices will be charged in accordance with the terms of the customer's contract conditions. The revised prices are incorporated within updated Schedules bearing the reference of either CSP2 or FI3. Copies of these Schedules are available upon request from the Registered and Regional Head Offices of British Gas plc.

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Racal pays £22m for 20% holding in SIS

racing coverage. At the same time MAI, the media services group, will take 7.14 per cent.

The move is the first step in what is expected to be an important expansion programme at SIS, taking it into new fields, including financial information services. Plans include possible flotation of SIS in the contract of the state of the stat SIS in two or three years' time.

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Racal becomes the largest single shareholder in SIS, which was formed three years ago by Britain's four leading bookmakers, Ladbroke, William Hill, Mecca and Coral, which between them owned 65 per cent before the deal.

Ladbroke - chaired by Mr Cyril Stein - with Brent Walker, owner of William Hill and Mecca, and Bass, parent of Coral, is selling shares as part of a scheme that will reduce their joint holdings to 45 per cent, in line with a request from racing authorities.

After the share swap, Ladbroke, which was the largest holder with 27.7 per cent,

Oil set for

mini boom

says bank

Royal Bank of Scotland has said that the British oil in-

dustry is entering a "miniboom" which should lead to

investment levels peaking at

£2.9 billion during 1991. In January, British oil out-

put rose by 1.9 per cent, but

the average daily value of the

oil rose by 2.3 per cent, indicating a further hardening

Record jumps

Pre-tax profits at Record Holdings, the hand and bench

tool maker in a £13.2 million

bid battle with James Wilkes

for Easterbrook Allcard, jum-ped 17.6 per cent to £4.72

million in the year to end-

December. Turnover rose

12.9 per cent to £37.7 million

and a final of 2.45p (2.34p),

makes 3.45p, up 15 per cent.

Property surge

English & Oversess Properties

lifted pre-tax profits 55 per cent to £2.09 million in the

year to end-December. Net

asset value rose 20.8 per cent to 110p and earnings 24 per cent to 23.4p. A final of 2.5p makes 4.5p, up 73 per cent.

Lancashire and London In-

vestment Trust's pre-tax revenue eased from £304,835 to

£302.105 despite investment income up from £261,334 to

Trust steady

of prices.

Racal Electronics is paying £22 million for a 20 per cent walker and Bass, which held stake in Satellite Information Services, the company that supplies Britain's 10,000 between shorts with live televized will have 18 per cent. Brent Walker and Bass, which held 19,1 per cent each, will have 15 and 12 per cent respectively. Sears, which retained its 191 per cent chare in SIS its 19.1 per cent share in SIS when it sold William Hill, is reduced to 11.86 per cent.

Of the remaining 15 per cent, 10 per cent is held by the Racecourse Association, and 5 per cent by the Horserace Totalisator Board (the Tote). Mr Christopher Stoddart,

SIS chief executive, confirmed yesterday that after initial losses during development, the business is operating profitably with a positive cash flow. The cash injection, with new loan facilities of £45 million, will finance expan-sion, which has already taken it into news broadcasting.

SIS said that Racal, with its interests in data and telecommunications, and MAI, in media and information services, offered "potential for commercial collaboration and the identification of mutually beneficial opportunities."

Racal, like all the other major shareholders, will have a representative on the SIS board - Mr Geoffrey Lomer, Racal's technical director.



Sitting on an 18% stake: Cyril Stein, chairman of Ladbroke **NAPF Annual Conference**

Institution drawing up legal action over Arrow

By Martin Waller

to be well advanced in taking legal action against the two City firms which acted for the employment agency in its disastrous 1987 rights issue.

The affair continued to attract the attention of delegates at the Annual Con-ference of the National Association of Pension Funds at Easthourne.

The NAPF is leading a small team, put together by institutional investors, aiming to reach compensation with County NatWest, the mer-chant bank, and URS Phillips & Drew, the broker. County has already offered to pay up to 30p a share to some of the

investors who lost out.

At least one big institution lier this week, after strong to put their views on Bine nursing heavy losses after the pressure from the institutions, Arrow yesterday when the Bine Arrow affair is believed that it was returning to the NAPF annual report was put that it was returning to the negotiating table.

NAPF officers were privately trying to talk down any legal action by aggrieved shareholders — at least until their own negotiations with County and UBS Phillips & Drew are completed.

Any legal action at this stage would face formidable obstacles, the NAPF believes, not least because there are criminal prosecutions

But it is thought that at an earlier meeting, called by the NAPF of the various institutional investors who had suffered over Blue Arrow, at least one indicated it was quite far avestors who lost out.

advanced in drawing up a disclosure requirements in the The booker amounced car- claim. Delegates were invited. Companies Act 1989.

Arrow yesterday when the NAPF annual report was put before the conference.

But after a cautious preambie by Mr Donald Brydon, outgoing chairman of the association's investment committee, who warned them not to "undermine or weaken your negotiating position," not a single question or comment on the affair was

In his review of the pas year, Mr. Brydon warned of the deteriorating quality of research from analysts, particularly in beta and gamma stocks, the possibility of taxation of sub-underwrit ing commissions and the reduction of the level of

Lloyd's names serve writs

By Meliada Wittstock

The first writs were served yesterday on the troubled 1982 RHM Outhwaite syndicate and 80 members' agents in the biggest legal action ever seen in the £11 billion Lloyd's

insurance market.
The writs, by 865 disgruntled Lloyd's names, allege negligence over losses from a continuing flood of US as-bestosis and pollution claims which could total £1 billion.

The 865 names, out of the 1,614 on the twin Outhwaite syndicates 317 and 661, are seeking \$600 million compensation for losses so far amounting to £304 million. They include Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, Mr Tony Jacklin, the golfer, Lord Weidenfeld, the publisher, and Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman of BAT Industries.

If successful in the litigation, the names will automatically be entitled to still more compensation if liabilities increase further, said Richards Butler, the legal firm acting on behalf of the names.

The 1,614 names on the Outhwaite syndicate, which took on non-marine reinsur-ance from 32 other syndicates in 1981 and 1982, have already naid out £94 million to cover the losses, which under Lloyd's rules on unlimited liability will increase still

Mr Peter Nutting, chairman of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association which has or-ganized the litigation, said he would be surprised if the next cash call this summer were less than £120 million, though anything more than £130 million would be "catastrophic."

Each of the 865 names have together subscribed £1.3 million to the Names Associ-ation's litigation fund, having each paid £250 plus the equivalent of 4 per cent of

Mr Nutting and Mr Mark Connoley, a partner in Richards Butler, were confident yesterday of success in the trial, likely to be heard in 1991.

But Mr Murdoch McLeod a spokesperson for the Outhwaite syndicate, said he was confident "all the points raised by the names are defendable."

COMMENT David Brewerton

ICI's glamour role loses its attractions

f ICI is still the bellwether of British industry, then watch out for 1990. The shares have been losing their new image won during the 1980s with the move away from cyclical commodity chemicals and more deeply into higher growth areas such as pharma-ceuticals, agrichemicals and speciality businesses.

In fact, the bellwether-of-Britain cliche can no longer be applied to a group that has deliberately made itself more international. These days, only 22 per cent of sales arise in Britain, though, with more than £3 billion of exports, ICI's home base remains vital.

ICT's new downgrading relative to the market remains something of a mystery, because the reshaping of the group has been nothing short of dramatic. Ten years ago, close on 70 per cent of nonchemical profits arose from oil and fertilizers. Today, oil has disappeared and fertilizers contribute nothing but losses, Indeed, but for a marketing desire in ICI to offer a one-stop shopping facility to the farming community, it is difficult to see how the fertilizer operations justify inclusion in its portfolio.

These days, almost half the record profits come from the much more glamorous areas pursued ardently under the regime of Sir John Harvey-Jones, ICI's former chairman.

tic of analysts were forecasting un-changed profits during the current year. Most were going along with numbers such as those from Smith New Court, which sees a sharpish fall from £1,527 million to £1,390 million this year.

Despite the restructuring, ICI appears

still to be exposed when two of its largest markets, Britain and the US, teeter on the brink of recession. The areas of most concern are still general chemicals and petrochemicals, which account for half the group's total. At this early stage of the year, it looks as though expected progress from pharmaceuticals and agrichemicals will not be able to make up for ground lost elsewhere.

The exceptional profits on disposals of non-core businesses are not likely to recur on the same scale this year. Also worrying analysts is the fact that fourthquarter profits, admittedly a seasonally weak return for ICI, were at the botton end of expectations once the exceptional profits are stripped out.

The shares are currently on a prospec-tive rating of little more than 8.5 times earnings, which harks back to the bad old days of the early 1980s.

The market appears no longer to be clear about its view of ICI in the next year or two. The shares are unlikely to make much headway until a consensus

In sickness or in health

necdotal evidence about the state of the financial services industry and unexplained departure yesterday of John Chiene, widely regarded as London's best equity stockbroker, from County NatWest, and the inability of UBS Phillips & Drew to come to a decision, let alone a settlement, about its responsibility to pay compensation to those who lost money by being caught

up in the Blue Arrow swindle. But for all the anecdotes, there is precious little hard evidence with which to judge the health of the financial services industry as a whole. The Confederation of British Industry, which is well practised at taking the pulse of manufacturing industry and retail activity, has now added finance to its quarterly readings, and finds that confidence is falling as fast as costs are

Nevertheless, the commonly accepted view of financial services as being hit by stretches all the way from New rationalizations and shake-outs is coun-York to London. In the high-profile tered by the survey's findings that 41 per securities industry, the jumpy state of cent of the businesses saw increases in securities industry, the jumpy state of cent of the businesses saw increases in nerves can be illustrated by the sudden employment in the three months to December, with the pattern likely to continue, although at a somewhat reduced rate of growth.

Despite the evidence of the past week, banks were the chirplest about business volumes, both past and future: 58 per cent reported increases in the three months to December and 49 per cent still expected more in the following three months. Securities trading at stockbrokers was the most subdued, 47 per cent reporting falls. Further falls were anticipated by 38 per cent. In pursuit of efficiency the financial institutions will continue to be big spenders especially on information technology. But less spending on land and buildings - projected by 40 per cent - points to a sluggish influence on the commercial property market.

Soviet reforms 'bolster rates'

the US are likely to be kept high for years by the economic reform needed in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, a leading economist warned the conference of the National

£431,254 and unfranked in-The desperate political seed to raise living stendards in the vestment, income from £137,069 to £1,24 million, A Connectes countries by between final of 1.9p, makes 2.9p (2.75p) for the year to end-25 per cent and 30 per cent over the next 20 years would cost an estimated \$6-12 trilcost an estimated \$6-12 trillion and would suck in large amounts of capital from the West, said Mr John Wellemeyer, joint head of European equities at Morgan Stanley, the lavestment bank. Ferrari talks Ferrari Holdings is talking with Pericom which could lead to a bid for Pericom. Ferrari is capitalized at about

"I believe that the Soviet Union is feeling its way to-



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Living standards in the Soviet Union would have to

pected in Eastern European development expenditure ald therefore cost 25 per cent of the gross domestic product in Rossia and its

Such huge an ital could not be found in-ternally and would have to come from the West, in the form of funding to set up the

"High interest rates are here to stay," said Mr

enough, the US and the UK, are going to be short of

£25 million and Pericom at just over £3 million. Chiene chucks in

WoodMac In a surprise move, John Chiene, deputy chairman of National Westminster's investment bank, County Nat-West, and deputy chairman of its securities business, County NatWest WoodMac, has resigned. Denying it was connected with the recruitment of up to 100 personnel from the collapsed Drexel Burnham Lambert business, which will effectively double the size of its US operation, Chiene returned from a trip to the US yesterday and gave in his notice. With everyone in the firm being uncharacteristically tight-lipped, Howard Macdonald, chairman and chief executive of the investment bank compounded the mystery by issuing a statement saying: "With reluctance I have accepted John Chiene's resignation. He has made a considerable contribution to the business in all his roles. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for all he has done. All of us at County Nat West wish him the very best of good fortune in the future." Scottish-born Chiene, a respected City figure, renowned for his integrity and sense of fair play, began his City career in 1962 when, at the age of 25, he joined the Edinburgh firm of Wood Mackenzie which, at that time,

its London office in the early



Queen Krystyna rules

queen of pub games after winning an inter-analyst tournament hosted by Bardon, the aggregates and building products group in the Old Doctor Butlers Head public house in the City on Wednesday. Raising some £1,800 for cancer research in the process, more than 40 building analysts and specialist salesmen took each other on at shove ha'penny, skittles and table football — all installed on two floors of the from Namings.

Krystyna Brzeskwinski, the pub by Bardon just for the building analyst at Hoare evening. "We hope it will become an annual event," says a spokesman, who let slip that it was originally intended to be held at Christmas until BPB took all their prospective guests off to Germany for a presentation. Brzeskwinski, who will now have to delead her title next year, beat Jamie Stevenson, from Kleinwort Benson, in the final, by winning a game of Trivial Pursuit. The runner-up was Peter Jen-sen, also a building analyst,

became one of the best broking and research houses in the City. In the approach to Big Bang he and his fellow partners sold out to Hill Samuel, with Chiene becoming joint chief executive of the merchant bank. An ill-fated



marriage, in January 1988 the business was sold to County NatWest, with Chiene running the securities business until the middle of last year.

Fish and scrips

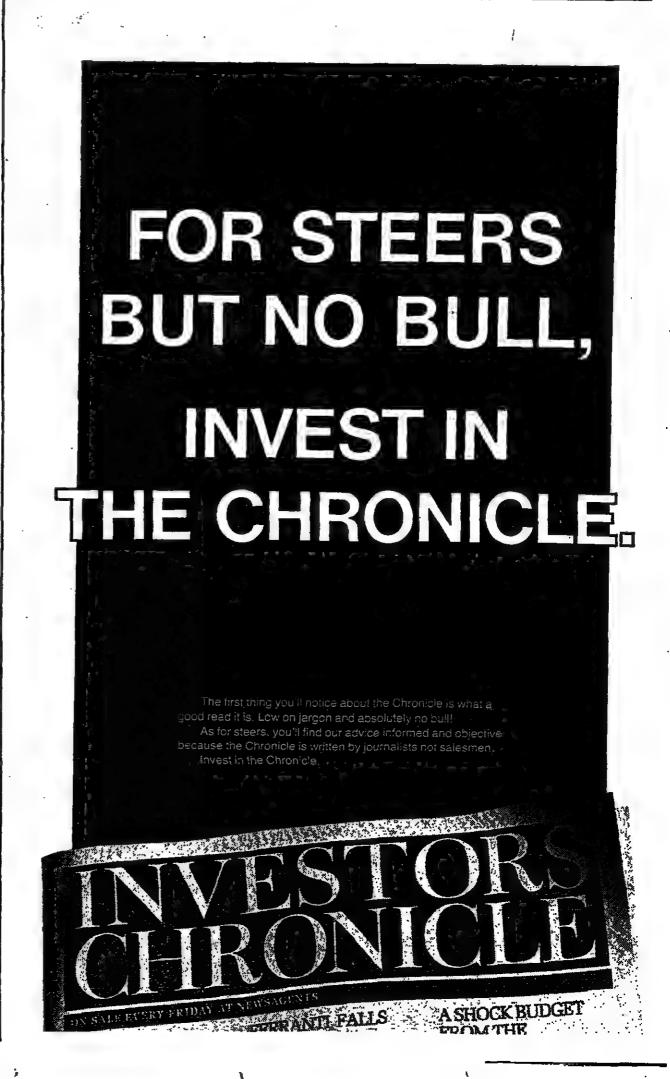
Could this be the start of an international trend? Customers at more than 190 super-markets across Japan will be able to toss stock certificates into their shopping carts this year along with nice and fish. Daici, the country's biggest supermarket operator, has signed a deal allowing Nippon Kyoei Securities to open branch offices in all its supermarkets. According to a spokesman, the deal will provide Nippon Kyoci with more badly-needed branches while allowing Daiei customers to add over-the-counter equities

to their shopping lists.

Drinking pals Lord King, British Airways

chairman, who introduced guest speaker Norman Tebbit, MP, as "that former pilot of mine and trade union militant" - since he once flew for BOAC - was clearly on good form when he received an award for "consistently high quality" from the Invest in Britain Campaign at Claridges yesterday. Making reference to the fact that the event was sponsored by Johnnie Walker Black Label, he could not resist a series of drinking jokes. Like the man who admits the reason he districts camels is because he always distrusts anyone who can go for a week without a drink. Or the one who always feels drunk after one drink - but can never remember whether it is the 13th or 14th one that does it. And then there was the wife who said that after three Martinis her husband became a disgusting beast - "and after four she always passed out altogether," King quipped. Also cracking jokes at the expense of wives - his own in fact - was host Sir Norman Macfarlane, chairman of Guinness, which owns the Johnnie Walker brand, Recalling his appointment to that post "under rather dramatic apparently far from pleased Gleneagies - I had always had problems getting tee-off times there, but that problem has now been resolved - and Gordon's Gin, in which she has a considerable vested interest. That helped."

Carol Leonard





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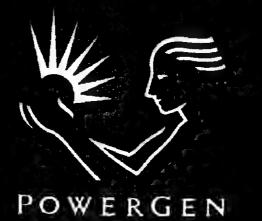
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Brierley's GPG bid reaches critical point

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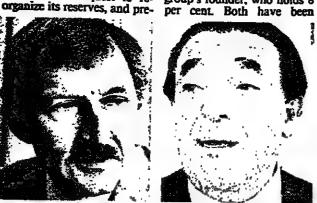
cent stake.

Mr Maxwell is trying to

A row between Sir Ron vent it from paying dividends for up to five years.

Cuttepreneur, and Mr Robert Mr Maxwell is unhappy at Maxwell, the publisher, comes the 17p-a-share bid for the to a head today at the annual meeting of GPG, the rump of the Guinness Peat financial

Mr Maxwell, who holds a 15.4 per cent stake in GPG, is expected to lead a protest against a £55 million bid for the company from IEP, Sir Ron's investment vehicle. He to other shareholders, and is and others will try to vote supported by Lord Kissin, the down GPG's request to regroup's founder, who holds 8





At odds: Sir Ron Brierley (left) and Robert Maxwell

buying shares in the market at up to 22p in the last few days Mr Maxwell is unhappy at

to strengthen their position. Mr Maxwell bought his GPG shares during the bid by Equiticorp, the now collapsed New Zealand financial group, in 1987, and stands to make losses of more than £33 million at Sir Ron's offer price.

GPG's motion to reorganize its reserves needs a threequarters majority and would allow it to make an immediate special dividend payment. The motion is predicted to fail at the meeting in the City however, and this would stop IEP taking any money out of the company until it had paid off an \$80 million deficit on distributable reserves, even though the company has esti-mated net cash of \$75 million and made a pre-tax profit of

\$21 million last year. Mr John Gillum, GPG's chairman, said: "The message is that keeping your shares is not for the faint-hearted.

For the normal investor the price of 22p in the market represents a reasonable value for the company."

Maxwell battle over EC frees public works buying

European Community ministers have agreed to open their huge domestic markets in the water, transport, energy and telecommunications sec-tors to competitive tendering from throughout Europe, marking the first significant success for the Irish presi-dency of the EC.

These sectors, a last bastion of national protection and until now shielded from EC competition, will be opened to any EC contractor in nine member countries from January 1, 1993. Greece, Spain and Portugal asked for extra time and will not have to open up their public procurement mar-kets until 1996, in Spain's case, and 1997 in the case of the other two.

Mr John Redwood, junior minister at the Department of Trade and Industry, expressed delight at the agreement. He said that Britain should gain substantially because British companies would be able to tender for contracts throughout the EC, with France a particularly attractive potential market. Britain had already opened

its markets through privatization, although the number of foreign tenders was relatively modest so far, be said.

The ministers also agreed a "Buy compromise on a Europe" clause, the main other countries said that this utilities of fuel to make energy stumbling block for months. would send a wrong signal at is excluded pending progress

By Colin Campbell

South Africa's pressing need, should sanctions be lifted, is in the field of

banking, economists said in response

to the Government's statement on

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign

Secretary, said on Tuesday that Britain would unilaterally lift its ban

on new investments following South Africa's political changes, notably the release of Mr Nelson Mandela and

President De Klerk's apartheid re-

new investment in South Africa.



tries, such as the United States talks in the General Agreeand Japan, gaining too much ment on Tariffs and Trade on from the liberalization and opening these sectors. allows public authorities to ignore tenders from outside the EC if they are no more than 3 per cent cheaper than

France was the only country to oppose this, seeking stron- Ecu600,000, and for general ger protection against non-EC and electricity supplies nations. Britain and the 10 Ecu400,000. The purchase by

forms. The change in British policy was welcomed in both UK and South

African business circles, although analysts noted that other sanction

measures covering coal, iron and steel, the import of Krugerrands, and

They added that because of the pace

of disinvestment from South Africa, which had taken place in the 1980s, there were only a handful of British

companies with significant invest-

They were only likely to commit

arms remain "on the books."

ments in the country.

the best bid from within it.

Business welcomes policy

John Redwood: British industry should gain from EC's opening public works purchasing This aims to stop third coun- the present delicate stage of on measures to open up the energy market.

> fresh funds to South Africa once the political and economic outlook was

Meanwhile, potential first-time

investors in South Africa would want

to wait for clearer indications of the

African National Congress' economic

Mr Mandela recently repeated ANC

policy on nationalization of banks and the mining industry — a threat which has left South African and

While a higher British commercial

foreign investors confused.

Under thresholds agreed yesterday, all public works contracts exceeding Ecu5 million (£3 million) must be open to EC tender. For telecommunications, the figures is Ecu600,000, and for general

Public procurement ac-counts for 15 per cent of the total market in the EC, costing about Ecu592 billion. The decision opens all of it to competition, at a saving to public utilities estimated last year at Ecu17.2 billion.

Ministers also discussed opening up public services. This is harder to implement, because services depend, more

change on South Africa

Soaring **Torday** on course for float By Matthew Bood

Full-year results from Torday & Carlisle, the diversified engineering group, show the company making strong pro-gress towards its long-planned stock market quote.

Pre-tax profit jumped 105 per cent to £3.2 million for the year to last December on turnover up 90 per cent at

£46.7 million. Earnings per share have increased by a more modest 36 per cent, reflecting the fact that the flotation will trigger the conversion of the preference shares used to buy Oldham Signs, the commercial sign manufacturer, for £9.4 million in 1988.

The dividend is being increased by 79 per cent to 12.5p

Shares in Torday & Carlisle have been traded on the Granville exchange since 1978 and are now 85 per cent in

institutional hands. Under Mr Paul Torday, the chairman, it has been run on full public company lines since 1983.

The float, being handled by Granville, is expected within the next month and should value the company at about

profile would be welcomed by South

African business circles, it was more

stragetically important for the country

to be re-admitted to international banking circles, Mr Gavin Relly, chairman of Anglo American

Lord Marsh, chairman of the

British Industry Committee on South

Africa Limited - representing 30

major British companies - said South

Africa was now more than ever in

need of international investment to

Corporation, said last week.

aid economic growth.

City's new Viking invader

Mysterious Swede with eye for a share bargain

Mr Peter Gyllenhammar's acquisition of a 5 per cent stake in Coloroll, the home furnishings group, highlights a concentration on recovery hopes. tinuing campaign by the mysterious Swedish Investor. declarable stakes in Chloride, Phoenic Timber and North Sea Assets, as well as Coloroli, worth £12.6 million in total. Brokers believe that Mr Gyllenhammar has also bought a number of smaller holdings.

But little is known of the man who, so far, has kept contacts with his chosen com-panies to a minimum. Man-agers and City analysts alike are becoming mystified by his peachant for some of the most depressed shares the London stock market has to offer.

To Stockholm's business community, however, Mr Gyllenhammar, aged 37, is a familiar figure. He came to

Forwell is

boosted

to £1.07m

By Philip Pangalos

Pre-tax profits at Forwell Group, the office interior

design group which joined the Unlisted Securities Market

last July, were ahead by 18.7

per cent at £1.07 million in the

The figures were helped by

an 80 per cent jump in group turnover to £11.7 million, boosted by a £3.49 million

contribution from Ferndale

Contracts, a Surrey-based design group which was acquired for £2 million last February.

Earnings per share slip from 5.8p to 5.5p, after interest payments of £172,000, com-

pared with a £97,000 gain last

time. There is a final dividend

of 1.32p, and the company

will offer a scrip dividend

chairman, said further growth, both organic and by ac-

quisition, is planned in the

coming year. Acquisitions may be used to enhance the

group's geographic coverage, presently concentrated in the

South-east. The shares firmed

Mr Michael Wheller, the

alternative.

year to end-December.

Mr Gyllenhammar left Trend Invest in 1978, shortly before Fagersta's share price collapsed amid a slack steel market, and Trend failed.

In 1979, he joined Hagglof, the small Swedish stockbroking firm, as its equity analyst. He developed a bril-liant reputation for identifying andervalued companies and building large stakes in them.

Mr Gyllenhammar has server been known to make an stake and holds it as a passive investor, or tries to get involved in a company's man-symmet. Ideally, he then sells at a large profit, sometimes to a board keen to see him go.

In 1983, he left Historical and loined Proventus, a quoted investment company, and continued his aggressive in-

Warsaw (Reuter) - The World Bank is likely to pump

more than \$5 billion into East-

ern Europe in the next three

years to support economic reforms, Mr Barber Conable,

Signing agreements granting

the bank's first loans to Po-

land totalling \$360 million, he

said they would help trans-

form economic structures,

banking, industry and debt management and boost en-vironmental protection. "I anticipate that the bank will

lend over \$5 billion to our

current Eastern European bor-

rowers over the next three

years - up to \$2.5 billion for

Other East European coun-

tries which are not members

of the World Bank might also

receive loans if they joined but

needy nations in the rest of the

world would not suffer as a

financial support for Eastern European will come at the

expense of poor countries or at

the expense of any of our

borrowers," Mr Conable said.

The two agreements for Eastern Europe.

result, he said.

the bank's president, said.

its owner, Mr Robert Weil, and formed Gyllenhammar and Partners, the basis for his Mercurius Group, founded last spring by a merger with Mercurius Industri.

The group, with corporate finance and industrial busiesses as well as investme has an estimated set worth of 1 billion kroner (£94.3 mil-tion). Mr Gyllenhammar has a 30.5 per cent stake.

Since the collapse of Trend Invest, Mr Gyllenbammar has stayed out of the public eye. In Sweden, many disagree with style, but all recognize his skill at picking opportunities.

Mr Gyllenhammar's interest in Britain began early last year when Sweden started to abolish exchange controls. typical strategy. They are in troubled companies with depressed share prices, but strong asset backing. Coloroll

for industrial export dev-elopment and \$100 million to

boost processed food exports.

from the World Bank since it

joined in 1986. Hungary,

Romania and Yugoslavia are

also members and Czecho-

slovakia applied for member-

Mr Conable made clear that

further loans for Poland de-

pend on the government keep-

ing to its programme to switch to a market-based economy

and cut 1,090 per cent annual

He said Eastern Europe

must reach out for foreign

investment for export mar-

kets, investment capital, tech-

nology and managerial know-

set up social security systems

said state monopolies must be

rope's new political freedom to spill into the economy.

The World Bank, he said,

was also ready to support

environmental measures in

Mr Conable pledged help to

unemployment rises. He

Loans

Deposits

ship last month.

They are Poland's first loans

Funding of \$5bn

for East Europe

"None of the World Bank's ended to allow Eastern Eu-

GULF INTERNATIONAL BANK B.S.C. 1989 RESULTS

Underlying strength in trading performance with capital increase supporting LDC debt provision

Gulf International Bank B.S.C. has added US\$725 million to its provisions against troubled LDC debt and as a result recorded a Net Loss for the calendar year of US\$692.5 million. Despite the severe impact of the non-payment of Interest by certain LDC debtors the bank reported satisfactory profits at the operating level of US\$32.5 million. Operating results included a strong trade finance performance with Other Net Operating Income increasing by 35 per cent to US\$31.8 million. Total expenses rose marginally to US\$53.1 million due to continued cost control. Total Assets grew by 7.5% to US\$9.9 billion and the capital was increased by US\$359.2 million.

	* PW	
FINANCIAL SUMM	1989 US \$'000	1988 Us \$000
Net (Loss)/Income	(692,493)	45,561
Operating Income	32,507	45,561
Gross Income	86,997	99,416
Total Expenses	53,056	52,177
Shareholders' Equity	392,537	725,826
Total Assets	9,892,973	9,203,544
Loans	5, 110, 188	5,081,725

A substantial rise in LDC debt provisions

8,766,599 7,724,378

"Over the year the LDC debt situation has further deteriorated. By our provisioning action I believe that we have put the problem behind us and we are now free to concentrate fully on the productive development of the Bank." Ghazi M. Abdul-Jawad, General Manager.

The Bank's provisions against all troubled LDC debt now compare favourably with those established by the more conservative international banks and are comfortably in excess of regulatory requirements.



Capital increase

In support of the substantial increase in provisions the Share Capital has been raised by US\$359.2 million to stand at US\$1,001.1 million at the year end. After the capital increase and the loss for the year Shareholders' Equity amounted to US\$392.5 million. The large increase in provisions has had the effect of substantially improving overall asset quality. As a



result of the capital increase and the improvement in asset quality the Bank's capital ratios remain adequate.

Future plans

The Bank will continue to emphasise its trade finance capabilities and the provision of project finance to support the expansion of the Gulf region's industrial base. Islamic banking activities, corporate finance, treasury-related services and assetbased lending are Identified as important elements in the bank's drive towards greater diversification of earnings.

With the recent increase in oil prices being sustained we envisage an extended period of economic growth and a continued upturn in confidence in the Gulf region. I therefore believe GIB is well positioned. to benefit from the improving business conditions. 99

Ghazi M. Abdul-Jawad, General Manager.

If you would like a copy of the Bank's 1989 Annual Report to be published in March, please write to: Gulf International Bank, Al-Dowali Building, P.O. Box 1017, Manama, Bahrain.

Airlines strike deal on computer check-in

Japan joins the jet set

Wealthy Japanese airline passengers have finally become full members of the international jet set after a longawaited agreement between US carriers and their own national airlines.

They can now, for he first time, obtain trouble-free computer co-ordinated round-theworld air tickets on a one-stop check-in basis.

Japan Airline, which once refused to allow outsiders to issue its tickets, has joined Apollo, the computerized central reservations system run by United Airlines, to which British Airways also belongs.

Almost two years ago United took JAL before the US Department of Transport which held that the airline had breached an international fair



Wolf: model for co-operation competition act by refusing to permit Apollo to issue its air tickets. Action was deferred to allow the two more time to reach agreement. Another Japanese airline, All Nippon Airways, joined the system

earlier this year. Mr Stephen Wolf, United's

now developed a model for international co-operation on computerized reservations systems which allows us to maintain the cordial relationships with both carriers."

The new deal will allow Japanese airline passengers to book a string of tickets throughout the world with a one-stop check-in at any of the 600 Japanese travel agents linked to the system, part of the worldwide network of 10,000 agents in 40 countries.

British Airways' links with Apollo have meant the onestop check-in has been available in Britain for about two years. In turn, Apollo is linked with Galileo in Europe and Australia and Gemini in Canada, offering information on 700 international, domestic and regional airlines.

week, rose 4p to 349p, while Lloyds Bank, reporting today,

hardened 3p to 296p. Barclays

Bank also firmed 3p to 556p. Among the leaders, British

Aerospace recovered a fall to

close all-square at 502p de-

spite a downgrading of profit estimates by Nomura Securi-

ties, the Japanese securities house. American investors were big buyers of British Steel, 1½p better at 133p and

buyers at the cheap end ca-abled BICC to rally from a low with a rise of 7p to 408p. The group has been the subject of

TVS took a turn for the

Scattish & Newcastle Brew-

cent stake. It was hoped that

Elders would use this opportu-

nity to reveal proposals for the

reconstruction of the com-pany which includes the dis-

posal of the S&N holding. But Elders says that it does not

intend to make any statement

enjoyed some selective support under the lead of Anglian,

41/2p better at 176p. There were also rises for Northma-

brian, 2p to 185p, Thames, 1½p to 166½p and Yerkshire, 1p to 180p. While Southern closed unchanged at 165p, as did South West at 189p and

Wessex at 182p, there were falls in North West, 1p to

170p, Severn Trent, 1½p to 152½p and Welsh, 2p to 188p. STC advanced 9p to 265p

on revived talk that someone

wants to buy a sizeable hold-

ing in its ICL subsidiary,

Britain's biggest computer

manufacturer. In the past few

months, there was talk of a full

bid from Olivetti, the Italian

group, and Fujitsu of Japan. Now the spotlight has

switched to Sun Micro-systems, the US technology

group.

Racal Electronics firmed 1p to 223p after paying £22 million for a 20 per cent holding in Satellite Informa-

tion Services. Recal has issued

10 million new shares, which

were quickly placed by Smith

New Court, the broker, at

221p each to fund the deal.

The privatized water stocks

to sell this.

By Jeremy Andrews

A split has emerged among the shareholders of BOM, the the world's best know elopment site at Kingsnorth, in Kent, to a private company.

Although DTI inspectors have been appointed to investigate BOM, Mr Nigel Chapman, a business consultant and former double glazing manufacturer, is attempshareholders for an action to block the sale.

Mr Chapman said the DTI had confirmed that Mr Nicholas Ridley, Trade Secretary, had no powers to freeze or block the sale, although the DTI may bring civil proceedings in the light of the inspec-

Mr Chapman believes more immediate action is necessary to prevent the sale being completed on March 31.

Although he has contacted

the BOM Shareholders Action Committee, whose lobbying led to the inspectors' appointment, Mr Chapman has de-cided to launch his own campaign to raise the estimated £250,000 legal costs of trying to stop the sale.

to certain BOM shareholders asking for support. Mr Chapman calculates that legal expenses will require a con-tribution of between 1/2p to 1p

Mr John Welland, secretary to the established committee, said members felt the best approach was to assist the DT1 inspectors. A 50-page report on the Kinesnorth site had been submitted to the inspectors, whom he hoped to meet

When the going gets tough . . .

Family Money tomorrow mortgage rate rises, and reviews some of the best deals for savers with cash to spare. There is also help for property owners looking for new

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ways to sell their home, and advice on choosing the best

With new Business Expan-sion Schemes appearing by the day, Family Money looks at

split over BOM legal Saatchi falls to new low Confidence partly restored

as City concern mounts

the world's best known former penny stock whose board announced in Decemby a further 20p to a low of ber that it planned to sell its main asset, a 420-acre devincreasingly worried about its

Santchi & Santchi's fall from grace has been dramatic. At its shares were changing hands at more than 700p each. The group had already been credited with steering Mrs ting to raise money from Thatcher and the Conservative Party to one election victory and it was busily preparing to make it a double. But, since then, the group's fortunes have been in steady

> into the US with the acquisition of Ted Bates. But things turned sour with the loss of a number of key members of staff and big-name clients. Profits were hit and rising interest rates and the slowdown in the economy have only added to its

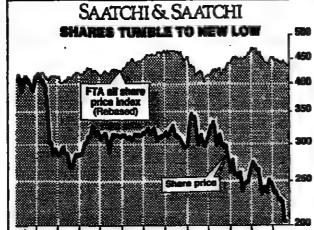
> problems. Sastchi & Sastchi published its annual accounts this week. They made grim reading. Debt in the current year is expected to reach £250 million and there is a £177 million convertible rights issue, made

> in 1988, still overhanging. On top of this, the group has to find a further £100 million for deferred payments on various acquisitions and has so far failed to find a buyer for its consultancy division.

With more than £500 milpre-tax profits of only £65 million pencilled in by analysts for the current year, brokers are taking an increas-ingly bearish view. On Wed-nesday, County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, advised its clients to sell.

sector, the shares of VPI, the advertising and PR agency which used to trade under the name of Vallin Pollen, slumped 9p to a low of 17p. The group recently confirmed market fears by issuing a profits warning. On Wednesday night, James Capel, the broker, placed 2 million shares at about the 16p mark a substantial discount to the market price. Barciays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, has added to the group's misery by sharply downgrading its estimate of group profits from £4.1 million to £200,000 for

the current year. Mr Brian Sturgess, an analyst at BZW, says that the acquisition of the Carter Organisation has turned out badly. He says that this, combined with high interest departures and a possible



downturn in advertising revenue to 1975 levels has taken its toll of group profits which reached £14.1 million last

The rest of the equity market managed to claw back some of its recent losses, helped by acceptable performances overnight in New York and Tokyo and full-year figures from ICI which were in line with expectations. ICI rose 14p to £10.41 after reporting pre-tax profits up 4 per cent to £1.52 billion despite signs of a downturn in the

remained subdued with fewer than 400 million shares traded. Investors round the world are still worried by the threat of high interest rates, inflation and recession. The

at least three profit down-gradings this week because of its exposure to the weak FT-SE 100 index opened Australian dollar. ahead of the profits news from worst in after-hours' trading, ICI. It later rallied to close 9.5 higher at 2,269.2, aided by a losing 22p to 88p. Worries about the dividend were given good start to trading on Wall as the reason for the setback Street. The narrower FT index but dealers believe that one of top 30 shares also rose 6.0 market-maker has taken a

Bond markets round the world remained nervous with Government, securities in London left nursing losses of up to £4. Midland Bank held few sur-

prises and the price ending 4p better at 351p despite reporting a pre-tax loss of £261 million, against a profit of £693 million, after making provisions of more than £1 billion for Third World and

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Share prices, which on Wednesday suffered their biggest fall since 1987's crash, rallied to close slightly higher. Receding fears about an immediate rise in Japanese interest rates, coupled with bargain-hunting,

restored some confidence. Overnight resilience in London and New York also encouraged investors.

The Nikkei index finished 92.51 higher at 35.826.84 after a roller-coaster ride. It had sunk by 1,161 points on the price swings.

The Nikkei climbed more than 400 points in the first 15 650 below Wednesday's close about Communism's collapse in the last half-hour.

Support at about the 35,000 who felt the market may have centive to buy.

WALL STREET

Wednesday, its third biggest reached a temporary floor fall ever. The market was helped the late recovery, flung around all day by fu- according to Mr Yoshio tures-linked program trading, Miyauchi, vice-president of with low volume amplifying the trading department at Shearson Lehman Hutton.

The market has now surrendered the gains it made late minutes. At its worst, it sank last year, amid the euphoria in Eastern Europe.

But dealers say that, allevel and renewed interest though further sharp falls are from institutional investors unlikely, there is little in-

Feb 22 Feb 21 midday close

Dow ahead 12 points in early dealings New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average was 12 points up at 2,595.56 in early trading after rising to 2,598 at the opening. Futures-related activity and buying following the partial recovery in Toyko lifted prices, but blue chips surrendered some gains, Rising shares outnumbered declining issues by two to one. Annual Rental Annual Re Dow ahead

large line of stock on to his book and has been attempting eries eased 3p to 314p ahead of the trading news today from Elders DXL, the Australian brewery which owns a 23 per

issues by two to one.

An institution made buy programs on a wide futures premium and a big broker did outright futures buying. However, bond prices were

slightly lower, with some US market rates rising and adding to worries about generally higher worldwide interest

● Hong Kong — Bargain-bunting drove the Hang Seng index up 65.65 to 2,927.92, to regain more than half of Wednesday's 118.63 tumble. The broader-based Hong

Kong index rose 43.51 to 1,921.40 on a turnover of HK\$1.39 billion (£104 million) against Wednesday's HK\$1.66 billion. • Frankfurt - The DAX in-dex ended 12.96 higher at

1,820.15 after falling 16.62 on

Wednesday. Prices ended higher, but off their best levels as the market continued to gain support from a steadier bond market. Times industrial index recovered 18.11 to 1,562.53 in

active trading. It dropped 50.98 on Wednesday in a reaction to Tokyo.

Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index fell 15.2 to 1,609.
Early selling in Tokyo and worries about rising interest rates overseas pushed the rates overseas pushed the part of the par

● Johannesburg — The all-gold index closed at a preliminary 1,979 (1,996), the industrial index at 3,047 (3,058) and the overall share index at Michael Clark 3,156 (3,167).

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(free)	140.4	0.0	-13.0	0.2	-7.6	-0.1	-7.7
EAFE	1363.5	-0.1	-13.1	0.0	-8.2	-0.3	-7.8
(free)	139.1	~0.1	-13.3	-0.1	-8.4	-0.3	-8.0
Europe	705.9	0.4	-7.2	0.5	-4.8	0.2	-1.6
(free)	151.6	0.3	-7.3	0.1	-5.1	0.1	-1.7
With America	471.1	0.3	-12.5	0.1	-6.9	0.1	-7.2
Nordic	1473.2	1.5	-5.4	1.6	-1.5	1.3	0.4
(free)	229.2	1.4	-2.5	1.5	1.4	1.2	3.4
Pacific	3314,0	-0.3	-16.4	-0.3	-10.1	-0.5	-11.4
Far East	4824.0	-0.4	-16.6	-0.3	-10.4	-0.5	-11.6
Aururalia	310.1	0.3	-10.7	-0.9	-2.2	0.1	-5.3
Austria	1988.8	1.6	34.5	2.0	41.4	1.4	42.6
Belgium	814.2	-0.3	-17.3	-0.3	-14.1	-0.5	-123
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Jennark	1291.5	-0.3	¬1.9	0.0	1.9	-0.5	4.1
Finlend	116.0	0.4	n/a	0.5	3.9	0.2	6.7
(free)	150.6	1.6	1.0	1.7	4.3	1.4	7.1
France	704.1	0.9	-12.9	1.1	-9.3	0.7	-7.7
Sermany	859.6	0.4	-3.0	0.6	1.8	0.2	2.8
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taly	351.4	-0.3	-8.8	-0.2	-5.5	-0.5	-3.3
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low Zealand	86.9	0.3	-15.7	-0.3	-10.0	0.1	-10.6
lorway	1517.0	1.8	13.0	1.8	17.3	1.6	18.5
(free)	263.0	2.1	126	2.1	16.9	1.9	18.4
ing/Malay	1989.9	0.5	-0.2	0.5	3.7	0.3	5.8
pain	207.4	-0.2	-12.4	0.0	-8.2	-0.4	-7.1
wedon	1546.7	2.4	-11.8	24	-8.0	22	-6.5
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ICI in 1989



ICI profit exceeds £1.5 billion.

The trading results of the Group for the year 1989, subject to completion of the audit, together with comparative figures for 1988, are as follows:

	1989 £m	1988 £m	Increase
Turnover	13,171	11,699	+13%
Profit before textion	1,527	1,470	+4%
Earnings per £1 Ordinary Share	135.0р	129.7p	+4%
Dividends per £1 Ordinary Share	55.0p	50.0p	+10%

Trading results for the first quarter of 1990 will be announced on Monday 30 April 1990.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Small gains

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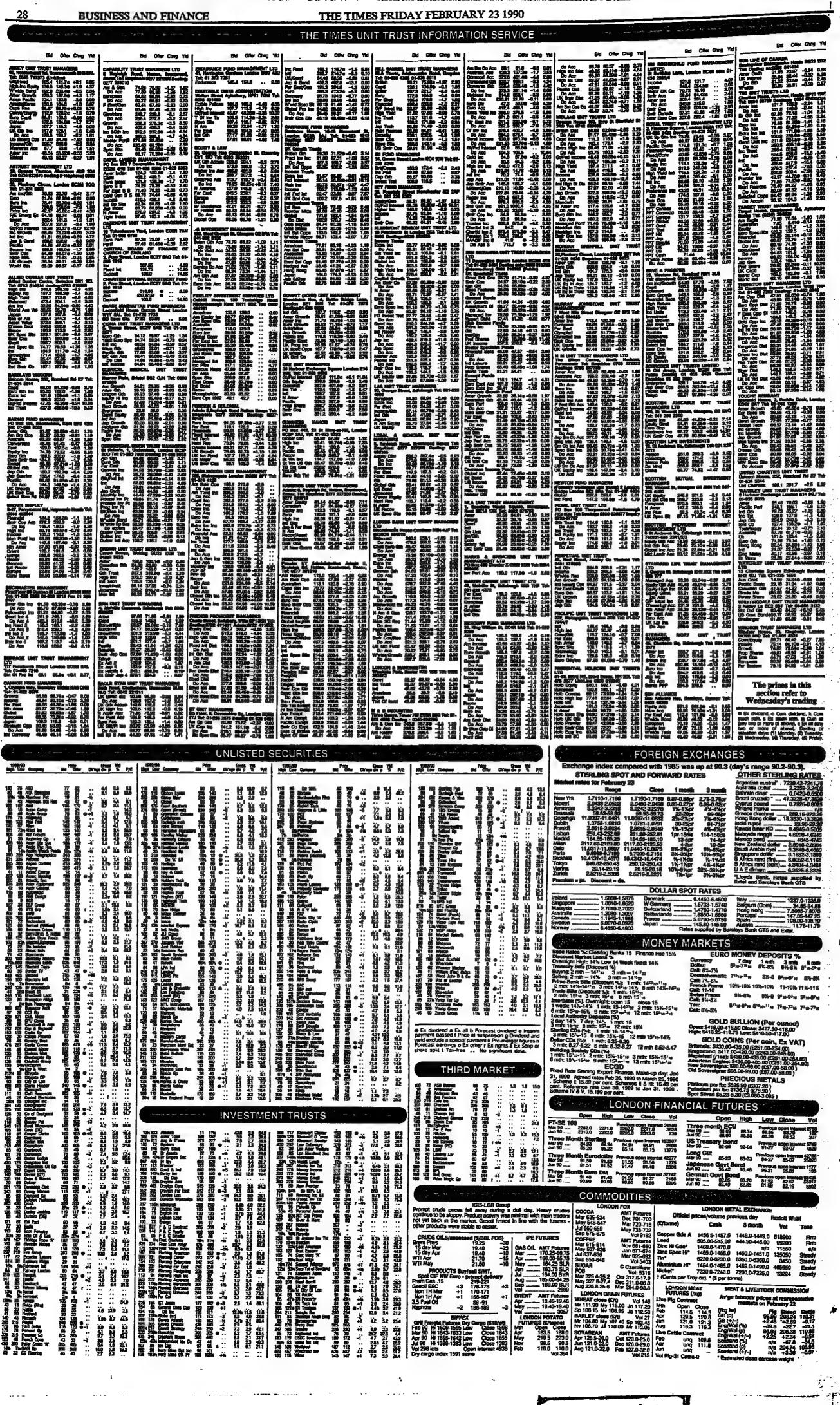
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Samuelson and Others

Before Mr Justice Scott

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Mr Justice Scott, Vice-Chan-cellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, so held in the Chan-

cery Division in

(i) dismissing an application
by Wilton Group ple in its
action against Daniel Abrams,
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Wyllie Samuelson and John

Elliot Needleman, that an inter-

locutory injunction granted expanse by Mr Justice Knox be continued, restraining the defendants from selling certain shares in Cowan de Groot ple

otherwise than to Wilton; and

(ii) granting applications (to which Mr Abrams and Feldspar

were respondents) by six of the seven defendants in the second

action, Mr Samuelson, three

Jersey-resident trustees of a

discretionary settlement made by him, de Groot and Wilton, to

discharge undertakings given by them before Mr Justice Knox on

January 24, 1990 relating to 3.8

Mr Needleman had been joined as a defendant, at his own

request, in the first action by Mr Justice Knox and in the second

Mr David Chivers for Wilton;

million shares in de Groot.

[Judgment February 2]

Statutory caravan includes chalet

Wyre Forest District Council v elopment Secretary of State for the Environment and Another Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerion and Lord Lowry

[Speeches February 22] The word "caravan" in a plan-The word "caravan" in a planning application or grant of planning permission prima facte bore the meaning given by section 29(1) of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, thereby including a chalet which, although lacking wheels, was canable of heing mover!

pable of being moved.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the sec-retary of state from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Mann ((1989) 87 LGR 464)) upholding enforcement notices issued by enforcement notices issued by Wyre Forest District Council in respect of a chalet at a caravan site at Wolverley, Hereford, erected by the site owners, Allens Caravans (Estates) Ltd.

The secretary of state's inspector had set aside the notices and, on the council's appeal under section 246 of the Town and Country Planning
Act 1971, Mr David
Widdicombe, QC, sitting as a
deputy judge of the Queen's
Bench Division, had upheid his decision. Mr John Laws and Mr Ian

Ashford-Thom for the secretary of state; Mr Clifford Joseph and Mr David Brownbill for the site owners; Mr John Macdonald. OC and Mr Timothy Jones for

LORD LOWRY said that at the time of the planning applica-tion the relevant Act was the Town and Country Planning Act 1947. The Town and Coun-

elopment Order and Development Charge Applica-tions Regulations (SI 1950 No 728) made under the 1947 Act contained, *inter alia*, directions for the making of planning applications.

On the same date as the 1960 Act, August 29, 1960, the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment No 2) Order 1960 (Si 1960 No 1476) had amended the 1950 Order by inserting in article 2(1) thereof the 1960 Act definitions of "caravan" and "caravan site".

On November 16, 1960 the site owners' predecessors in title had made an application to the planning authority for "Continuation of use of existing caravan site with revised layout..."

On December 5, 1961 permision was granted subject to conditions, inter alia, that the "consent relates to the siting of 205 caravans only and no fresh structure shall be allowed on the site without the specific consent ... of the planning authority".

In June 1985 the site owners had erected a chalet structure on the site which, as was common ground, was a caravan within the meaning of the 1960 Act but was not a caravan within the ordinary meaning of that word. The council had served two enforcement notices requiring the removal of the chalet on the grounds that it had been erected in breach of the condition in the 1961 planning permission and had been creeted without plan-

The site owners had appealed against the enforcement notices, the issue for determination having been whether the planning permission allowed the erection of "caravans" (up to a maximum of 205) as defined by the 1960 Act, in which event the erection of the chalet was lawful,

pressions "caravan" and "cara-van site", when used in planning applications and permissions, had (at least prima facie) the meaning assigned to them by the 1960 Act.

and 29(1) of the 1960 Act and

the amendments introduced into the 1950 Order, with effect from August 29, 1960 the ex-

They had supported that argument by pointing to the close link between general planning control and the 1960 Act. The council had argued that word "caravan" in a planng application submitted, or in a planning permission granted, at any time either before or after August 29, 1960

prima facte meant a caravan in its ordinary, popular sense and not a caravan as defined by section 29(1) of the 1960 Act, regardless of the fact that the application and permission were, respectively, submitted and granted under the 1947 Act and the 1950 Order (as amended in 1960) or their modern equivalents and uninfluenced by the use of forms which indicated the statutory code under which the application and grants of permission were made.

The council's proposition was quite untenable. If Parliament in a statutory enactment defined its terms (whether by enlarging or by restricting the ordinary meaning of a word or ex-pression), it must have intended that, in the absence of a clear indication to the contrary, those terms as defined should govern what was proposed, authorized or done under or by reference to

If, after August 29, 1960, there

caravans in the ordinary sense of that word. application to use his land "as a caravan site for 50 caravans' The secretary of state and the site owners had contended that, by virtue of sections 1(4), 21, 22 and, the planning authority having granted permission withthe type of caravan allowed (his Lordship was not for the mo-ment thinking of conditions as

out imposing any restriction on colour, design or layout) which was a caravan as defined by the 1960 Act, although not a caravan in the ordinary sense, could the planning authority then serve a good enforcement notice requiring its removal?

His Lordship scarcely thought so, yet that would have been the sequence of accepting the council's argument. It would also seem to follow from that reasoning that, in order to be able to bring statutory caravans onto the site, a developer would have to seek express permission for "caravans as defined in the Order under which this applica-tion is made".

Accordingly the terms "caravan" and "caravan site", when used at any time since August under the Town and Country Planning Acts, prima facie had the meaning which they were given under the 1960 Act, as

[His Lordship also con ed, and rejected, the council's second argument, that the word
"caravan" in the planning
application and the planning permission of 1961, properly construed, meant a caravan in its ordinary, popular sense).

Lord Bridge, Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths and Lord Oliver Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Baileys, Shaw & Gillett; Sharpe

Mr Lawrence Cohen for Mr Abrams and Feldspar Ltd; Mr Richard McCombe, QC and Mr Robert Powell-Jones for Mr Samuelson; Mr John Brisby for

by Mr Justice Scott.

Court will not aid disreputable deal

the trustees; Mr Philip Gillyon for de Groot; Mr Brian Green for Mr Needleman. Abrams and Another v

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that over December 1988 and January 1989 Mr Samuelson had procured the purchase, by A court of equity would not the trustees of a settlement of which he was the settlor, of 3.8 assist parties to enforce any agreement for the sale of shares million shares in de Groot at a in a public limited company which purported to confer a service contract on the vendor or a seat on the board to the

price of about £2.3 million.

That sum had been funded as to about £500,000 by a loan from Mr Samuelson, as to £690,000 by a loan from a Mr Ferriday (then one of the trustees) the balance being made up by a bank overdraft secured by a charge on the shares.

Mr Ferriday was now a fu-gitive from justice, it being claimed by Eagle Trust plc that he had stolen from it a very large sum of money, of which the £690,000 he had contributed was a part. After the trustees' purchase of

the de Groot shares, Mr Samuelson had become chair-man of its board of directors and Mr Needleman, his brother-in-law, had become a non-executive director.

The bank, however, pressed

for reduction of the trustees' overdraft, and in December 1989 Mr Samuelson, needing to sell the shares, began negotia-tions with Mr Abrams. On January 7, 1990, according to the latter, they agreed (1) that the trustees would sell 2,657,843 shares to him at 55p

per share; (ii) the trustees would have a "put" option on the remaining 1.142.159 shares at 55p — suspended until the shares were cleared of the Faple Trust claims, Mr Abrams having a corresponding right to pre-empt; (iii) Mr Samuelson would have a three-year rolling service contract; (iv) Mr Abrams and two nominees of his were to be appointed to the board of de When the proposal came beGroot, one of them to replace fore the board, who would vote & Co.

ary 10, According to Mr Samuelson, however, Mr Abrams knew that there could be no binding agreement until the trustees had adopted the January 7 terms.

Samuelson had been negotiating with Mr Buckley, the chairman and managing director of Wilton. According to Mr Buckley, a firm agreement had been reached as follows:

Mr Samuelson was to have a put option on 2.65 million shares at 55p, and in addition a three-year service contract at £75,000. Mr Buckley said he thought he was dealing with Mr Samuelson as principal, Again, Mr Samuelson con-tended that the other party was aware that the trustees would be

Samuelson could not bind them. 1 The Abrams action Had Mr Samuelson either actual or ostensible authority to contract on behalf of the trust-

He and they had denied either actual authority or any holding-out, but his Lordship thought Mr Abrams had an arguable case on that aspect of his action. Would the court enforce the terms of Mr Abrams' agreement relating to Mr Samuelson's ser-vice contract and to the appoint-

ment of certain individuals to the board? Each of those matters was for Groot to decide. In seeking to obtain for himself a favourable agreement with de Groot, Mr Samuelson was placing himself in a position in which his duty and his interest were in very

clear conflict.

According to Mr Abrams, that and his nominees would: but on was a binding agreement, what basis — that he was completion being fixed for Janu-contractually entitled, or that it was in the best interests of de

> His Lordship did not know whether such arrangements were often associated with agreements for the sale of strategic stakes in public companies, but they were, in his opinion, commercially disreputable. Neither it, nor the term regarding the new directors, was specifically enforceable in a court of equity.

> 2 The Wilton agreement The Wilton agreement had, in his Lordship's opinion, the

> same vices.
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> He did not say that an independent board, giving the proposed service contract proper consideration, might not reach an unimpeachable de-cision that to award it to Mr Samuelson would be in the best interests of de Groot. But it was wrong for Mr Samuelson to bargain for that contract as a

Again, his Lordship would not say that once the shares had changed hands there might not be a good case for board representation being offered to the purchaser. But it was wrong for board representation to be made a contractual term of the sale of the shares in a public

company.

Accordingly, neither contract was one which a court of equity was one which a court of equity would assist. The defendants in the Abrams action would be released from their undertakings, and the application in the Wilton action, to continue injunctions until the trial, would

Solicitors: Memery Crystal: S. J. Berwin & Co; Titmuss Samer & Webb; Pritchard Englefield & Tobin; Paisner & Co; McKenna

Pritchard for Mr Walter Delin, Stourport-On-Severn. Mortgagee cannot add costs to its security

Parker-Tweedale v Dunbar Bank pic and Others (No 4) Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Woolf [Judgment February 15]

A mortgagee who successfully defended an action, brought by a third party with a beneficial interest in the mortgaged property, was not entitled to add the costs of defending those proccedings to its security, even though the costs were reasonably and properly incurred, if the action impugned the title to the mortgage or the enforcement or exercise of the mortgagee's

right.
The Court of Appeal so stated. dismissing an appeal by the the first defendant mortgagee, Dun-bar Bank plc, from a decision of Mr Justice Peter Gibson dated August 9, 1989 who had held add to its security the costs of defending the proceedings brought by the plaintiff, Mr Barry James Parker-Tweedale. Mr Parker-Tweedale's action for an order setting saide a contract for the sale of the mortgaged property, of which his wife, the third defendant, Mrs Annabel Parker-Tweedale, was the sole legal owner and by the judge on January 26, 1989. That decision had later been affirmed by the Court of Appeal (The Times December 29, 1989).

Mr Timothy Lloyd, QC and Mr Stephen Acton for Dunbar; Mr Maurice Kay, QC and Mr Parker-Tweedale: Mr Parker-

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan

Whatever the scope of the

doctrine of thuse of process in extradition cases it did not apply

where a foreign government was seeking extradition of a person

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in dismissing an application for a writ of habeas corpus by Phillippe André Sinclair whose

extradition under the Extra-dition Act 1870 was sought by

the United States government. Leave was granted to appeal to

aiready tried and convicted.

[Judgment February 19]

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LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that a mortgagee was allowed to reimburse himself out of the mortgaged property for all costs, charges and ex-penses reasonably and properly curred in enforcing or prese

ing his security. In regard to such proceedings three propositions might be

1 The mortgagee's costs of proceedings between himself and the mortgagor or his surety were allowable.

2 Allowable also were the mort-

gagee's costs of proceedings between himself and a third party where what was impugned was the title to the estate. There the mortgages acted for the benefit of the equity of redemp-tion as much as for that of the

3 But where a third party impugued the title to the mortgage, or the enforcement or exercise of some right or power accruing to the mortgage, the mortgagee's costs of the proceedings, even though they were reasonably and properly incurred, were not allowable.

The first and accord propositions had together been called the general rule. The third, which applied to the present case, had been called the excep-

The authorities which supported the exception were those of Sir William Page Wood, Vice-Chancellor, in Owen v Crouch ((1857) 5 WR 545), Parker v Wakins ((1859) John 133) and Mr Justice Eve in In re Smith's Mortgage ([1931] 2 Ch 168). The essential facts of Parker v Watkins were very close to

Pentonville Prison.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS

said the applicant, a Trinidad national, had been committed to Pentonville Prison by a Metropolitan Stipendiary Mag-

istrate on February 18, 1989 to

await extradition to the USA. In April 1977 be had been

sentenced to four years Imprisonment in the United States for mail fraud, interstate

transportation and conspiracy.

He had been due to begin serving the sentence in March

1978. Before that date the applicant

Sinciair v Government of the United States of America
Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Lustice Nolan

Mr Lloyd acknowledged that the judge was bound by the decision in that case. He submitted, first, that the exception was wrong in principle and that the authorities which supported it ought to be overruled; second, that Parker v Watkins was wrong and ought to be over-ruled; third, that the facts of the present case were distingui-able from Parker v Watkins.

In considering those submissions, the court had to remind itself that both the general rule and exception were ncidents of the everydarelationship of mortgagor and mortgagee, to which, should some dispute arise, consideration was usually given on an account taken in chambers by

From time to time in such matters a point floated upwards, being taken to the judge on further consideration, where, once decided, it was regarded as settled, becoming a rule of practice for the guidance of the

Most principles and practices conveyancing, would be and to depend on decisions at first instance. The court was most reluctant to disturb decisions on the basis of which many titles must have been day transactions understood. The parties could always, if they wished, after their basic rights by the terms of their

contract. It was therefore not especially helpful to ask whether the exception to the general rule was illogical or even wrong in prin-

Trinidad to arrange accommodation for his wife and children.

According to him, when he

had applied for a visa to re-enter the US his application was

denied because as a convicted felon he was ineligible for re-

entry. He had not since been back to the US.

been badly delayed. Prima facie, the US authorities had contrib-

uted substantially to the delay.

Abuse of process could occur where the defendant had been

prejudiced in the preparation or conduct of his defence by un-

The extradition request had

disturbing a practice of the court
which had been settled for more than a century and a quarter.

There was something to be said for the complaint that the exception was illogical. In the present case the mortgagee's sale of the property at a proper price was indirectly for the bene those interested in the equity of redemption, who stood to take any surplus after the mortgage had been paid off.

But the exception was ex-plicable on the ground that the mortgagee's right to costs, being one which, like the duty of care, arose out of the particular relationship between him and the mortgagor, existed only in proceedings between the mortagee and the mortgagor or his

murety.

Thus having propunded a different general rule, a different exception had to be made, where the third party impugned the title to the estate.

But there the mortgages acted directly for the benefit of the equity of redemption, the action being in substance one between the third party on the ope hand and the mortgagee and mort-gager together on the other, each having an interest to assert or defend.

that in such a case the mortgaged property should bear the COSTS

His Lordship's opinion was that all of Mr Lloyd's sub-missions must be rejected. No good reason had been shown for overruling the exception in general or Parker v Walkins in fliogicality, if such there was

of the process applied in the magistrates' court in extradition

and was not prepared to assume that the doctrine applied to

conviction cases. There was no precedent for its application in that kind of case.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN,

concurring, said that the proce-dure laid down for conviction

cases by section 10 of the Extradition Act 1870 left no

room for the application of the

Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest

In drawing an inference as to the scope of that power of the

doctrine of abuse of process.

roceedings. His Lordship could not accept

innocent parties ought to bear costs which had been run up by the wrongful and improvident actions of a third party a line

had to be drawn somewhere. Nor was there anything in the suggested grounds of distinction from Parker v Watkins. The exception did not depend on the cause of action on which the third party relied. It depended on his not being the mortgagor or, to put it the other way round, on his being a stranger to the morigages.
Mr Lloyd's argument that

Order 62, rule 6(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court in effect overruled the decision in Parker v Waikins also failed. Order 62 was concerned with the costs of proceedings which were awarded in the proceedings themselves.

The mortragee usually made his claim to add to his security the costs of other proceedings on an account taken between him and the morigagor.
It was difficult to see how a

Lord Justice Woolf agreed.

for the secretary of state.

tory direction) the magistrate is under a statutory duty forthwith

to send to the secretary of state &

In his Lordship's view that

Solicitors: Halpin-Jarman

was still the law prior to the

certificate of the committal".

Solicitors: Clintons: Baldocks.

rule which governed costs awarded in the proceedings themseves could, without spe-cific words, have been intended to apply where the matter came up de novo on the taking of an account, It could not be the case that the question whether the exception applied or not de-pended on whether the mort-gages's claim to add the costs to his security was made on the his security was made on the one occasion or the other. Lord Justice Purches delivered a concurring judgment and

Kassim. Three defendants, Abdul Wahab bin Ebrahim Galadari, Oriental Credit Ltd and Peter

Abuse of process in extradition not appropriate for convict Mr David Hunt, QC and Mr Nigel Davis for the applicants, Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr Julian Malins for Larimore; Mr Peter Rails for GB Properties Ltd and Mr Kassim; Mr Stephen the funtive criminal would in fact be surrendered. That was Lord Morris had said: "If the magistrate finds that the prisoner was convicted of an extradition crime, then having committed him to prison (in accordance with a precise statu-

MR JUSTICE MORRITT said this was a motion by certain defendants for an order that it be determined as a preliminary

Proceedings a nullity where the plaintiff does not exist as a legal entity

Dubai Bank Ltd v Galadari and Others (No 4) Before Mr Justice Morritt

[Judgment February 12] Where a plaintiff to an action did not exist as a legal entity at the time the writ was issued, proceedings were and always had been a nullity and should be struck out. The court had no jurisdiction to join a valid plainuff to such proceedings

the Chancery Division on the application of certain defendants for an order, inter alia, that it be determined as a preliminary issue whether the plaintiff, Dubai Bank Ltd. had or had had at the date of issue of the writ any legal status or capacity to institute or pursue the action whether on its own behalf or on behalf of the Government of Dubai.

The defendants applying for the order ("the applicants")
were Abdul Rahim bin Ebrahim Galadari, Abdul Latif bin Ebrahim Galadari, Courtney Ltd, Galadari Printing and Publishing Establishment,

Galadari Brothers.
The application was supported by other of the defendants, namely, Gordon Johnston Cruden, George James Legg. GB Properties Ltd, Larimore investment Corporation and Mohammed Hussain

John Reynolds, did not appear and were not represented.

Auld for Mr Cruden; Mr Leslie Michaelson for Mr Legg, Mr Charles Purle, QC and Mr Ian Geering for the plaintiff.

issue whether the plaintiff, Do-bai Bank Ltd ("DBL"), had any legal capacity to institute or carry on the action.

The action concerned the alleged misappropriation of funds belonging to DBL, alternatively the Government of Dubai, alternatively the Ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Rashid.

The defendants alleged that when DBL issued its writ it did not exist as a legal entity since, as a result of failing to comply with the law of Dubai in relation to companies, the company ceased to have any existence or ered alike and that if either of had no legal personality.

DBL's uposte was to serve a

cross-motion seeking to join the Government of Dubai as a plaintiff. The applicants countered that if DBL did not legally exist when the writ was served then the proceedings were and always had been a nullity and there was no jurisdiction to allow the joinder of the Government of

Dubai. Therefore, the existence or otherwise of DBL's legal status should be determined as a preliminary issue.

The first question for his Lordship was to decide whether, if the applicants were right and DBL had no legal existence, there was jurisdiction to join another plainuff. DBL said there was. The applicants said

13, 11118 6(2) 01 ве кш of the Supreme Court (concerning the joinder of parties) and Order 2, rule 1 (concerning the effect of non-compliance with the Rules of the Supreme

Court).
Order 2, rule 1 provides:
"Where, in beginning or
purporting to begin any proceedings or at any stage in the course of or in connection with any proceedings, there has, by reason of any thing done or left undone, been a failure to. comply with the requirements of these rules, whether in respect of time, place, manner, form or content or us a any other respect irregularity and shall not pullify the proceedings, any step taken in the proceedings, or any document, judgment or order therein."

That rule was introduced in 1963 and might therefore affect the validity of earlier decisions. the validity of earlier decisions. The starting point was Lazard Bros & Co v Midland Bank Ltd (1933] AC 289, 296) where Lord Wright said that "... it is clear law, scarcely needing any express authority, that a judgment must be set aside and declared a nullity by the court in the service of its inherent the exercise of its inherent jurisdiction if and as soon as it appears to the court that the person named as the judgment

debtor was at all material times at the date of writ and sub-sequently non-existent." Lord Wright's succeeding words were clear authority for the proposition that plaintiff and defendant had to be consid-

them did not exist, the proceedings were a nullity and had to be set aside in that case there could not be any leave to join another plaintiff. Whether or not Lord Wright's principle had survived 1963

depended on the true construc-tion and application of Order 2, if, pursuant to that rule, the omission of a plainuff was an irregularity only, then DBL did not need to rely on Order 15, rule 6(2). If it was not, then the

proceedings were a nullity and Order 15, rule 6(2) could not In Order 2, rule I what was required was a failure to comply with the rules in respect of time, place, manner, form or content or in any other respect. But there

there was not.

DBL's case was based on plaintiff to be in existence. the requirement for a plaintiff was a basic principle of law on to which the rules were grafted. It was a legal requirement under-

lying the rules not repaired by Order 2, rule 1. In his Lordship's judgment, the principle of Lazard Bros v. Midland Bank Ltd had not been overridden by Order 2, rule 1 and there was no jurisdiction to join a person by a plainuff to proceedings brought by a nonexistent person (except in the case of misnomer within Order

20, rule 5(3)).
It followed that there could be no question of acceding to DBL's application until the question of its existence had been determined. Accordingly that question would be ordered to be tried as a preliminary

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Clyde & Co; Proctor Gilleue; Nabarro Nathanson; Roach Pittis, Newport, IoW; Lovell White Durrant.

Correction

In R v Secretary of State for Health and Others, Ex parte Keen (The Times February 22) the solicitors for the health authorities were Taylor Joynson

justifiable delay on the part of the prosecution: R v Derhy Crown Coun, Ex parte Brooks ([1985] 80 Cr App Rep 164). had observed in Royal Govern-ment of Greece v Governor of Brixton Prison ([1971] AC 250, Partnership, Sittingbourne; CPS, Fraud and Bankruptcy Division. he House of Lords. claimed that he had been Mr Timothy Cassel, QC and allowed to go to his native the House of Lords. It had not been authori-Minister's power to administer social security fund not as wide as delegated legislation

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Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Stitt
Regina v Social Security Fund
Inspector, Ex parte Sherwin
Regina v Same, Ex parte
Roberts
Refer I and Vaccion Wards and Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill

Mr Justice Pill Judgment February 21] Although the power to make directions for the administration of the Social Security Act 1986 was wide, it had been the intention of Parliament to grant the statement of Parliament to grant the statement of that power without creating delegated legislation.

The power was to make such directions as could reasonably be regarded as being necessary for the proper control and management of the Social Security Fund so as to enable that fund to meet the needs of applicants. The power did not, however, extend to whatever the secretary of state considered reasonable, the court being enuled to determine the question

Guidance, which need not be followed, issued in such tones as to be in effect mandatory, was

ultra vires. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held when making declarations in applica-tions for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for Social Services refusing Mr Samuel Stitt's application for a

that — I in reviewing a determination a social fund inspector must have full regard initially to: . . (b) whether the SFO acted fairly and exercised his discretion to arrive at a conclusion that was reasonable in the circumstances - ie, a decision that a reasonable SFA could have reached.

"2 If ... a social fund inspector is satisfied that the decision was reached properly ... the ... inspector ... thereafter must have full regard to (2) all the circumstances, including the state of the budget and local

the state of the budget and local priorities ... (b) any new evidence which has since been produced; and (c) any relevant changes of circumstances."

Mr Richard Drabble for the applicants; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard McManus for the secretary of state in Stitt and Roberts and for the Social Fund Inspector in Sherwin, Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state in Sherwin and Mr of state in Sherwin and Mr Charles Hollander for the Social Fund Inspector in Roberts.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that under the Social Sec-urity Act 1986 radical changes had been made to the law as to social security.

Family Income Supplement was replaced by Family Credit and Income Support which provided for fixed payments

was responsible for determining what payments, if any should be made and in so doing had to comply with section 33(10): "An officer shall determine any question under this section in accordance with any general

retary of state and . . . shall take account of any general guidance While guidance was not mandatory and did not have to be followed, directions which, inter alia, specified the "needs which may be met by the social fund" had to be followed and were

therefore equivalent to delegated legislation — unusual as such because they were not subject to any form of direct parliamentary control. There was no requirement for the directions to be laid before made and, unlike statutory instruments, they were subject to neither the positive nor the negative resolution procedures. It was in making those direc-tions that Mr Drabble asserted

acting ultra vires. The secretary of state claimed a power to give directions wider than hitherto entitling him to give them not only as to the

secretary of state, in effect to legislate by giving directions without the need to resort to directions issued by the sec-Parliament, the court should be slow to infer any wider power than was necessary to achieve what the court discerned as being the intention of

However, his Lordship came to the conclusion that to hold that the secretary of state had no power to give directions as to the circumstances in which a claimant's need could or could not be met would not have been in accordance with that intention.

His Lordship attached importance to the terms of section 32(5) of the Act: "The social fund shall be maintained under the control and management of the secretary of state and pay-ments out of it shall be made by The only way he could do that

that the secretary of state had exceeded his powers and was was by giving "guidance" and "directions" and unless he had power at least to give guidance as to those matters in relation to which he had given directions it give them not only as to the would be impossible for him to manner or mode in which exercise the "control and applications were made but as to management" envisaged in sec-when an applicant was eligible nion 32(5).

been intended as a flexible stances and to obtain scheme had become a rigid one, consistency. Although flexibility was in-

tended, the secretary of state needed to be able to give directions to achieve financial control. The Act had been amended and while the secretary of state was now required to lay an annual report on the social fund before Parliament. no steps had been taken to curtail his powers to give His Lordship's conclusion

was that the secretary of state's power was to give such directions as were necessary for the proper "control and manage-ment" of the social fund so as to enable it to meet the demands of applicants which could not be met out of their other resources. The power did not extend to whatever the secretary of state considered reasonable, which would require express language.
The court's power was not quite as limited as Mr Beloff had

submitted. The court was entitled to determine the question of reasonableness, the secretary of state was not the sole arbiter of what was reasonable. On that approach his Lordship did not consider it un-reasonable for the secretary of state to use his powers to give

directions on the broad basis on

controlled powers. What had required by a change in circum-been intended as a flexible stances and 10 obtain scheme had become a rigid one. Consistency.

under section 32(2)(b) for a his own decision. A complete the relevant paragraphs into rehearing was not involved but account which meant that he needs" was unlike the previous

Under section 34 a social fund officer had power to review determinations made by himself or other social fund officers. A determination so reviewed under section 34(3) might be further reviewed by a social fund inspector appointed by the Social Fund Commissioner. The issue was whether the

secretary of state had power by direction to limit the circum-

stances or the manner in which review might be carried out and, if so, the effect of those directions with regard to reviews by the social fund inspectors. As there was a discretion to hold more than one review at one level, Parliament could well have intended the secretary of state to have had a broad discretion and a power to give directions so as to limit the scope of the review if he so

The directions made it clear that the inspector had to con-duct a two-stage process. The judicial review but the second stage went further and the direction to have retard to any new evidence and any relevant change of circumstances in-dicated that the review went

application for judicial review.

Appeal was not exact. A feature of the scheme for meeting other needs was the

ability of the secretary of state to allocate payments from the fund to an individual officer or group of officers (see section 32(8)(c)). It was not in issue that the distinction drawn by Lord Justice Roskill between guidance and directions in Laker Airways
Lid v Department of Trade
([1977] QB 689, 699) was apposite and was echoed in the
introduction to the Social Fund
Manual and later further emphasized in saying that directions had to be followed, but with regard to the relevant guidance, ultimately officers

iudement In his Lordship's judgment, the paragraphs dealing with the objectives of budger management, the responsibility of the officer in relation to budget objectives, the deciding of priortional circumstances and emergencies could not be more mandatory in tone.

would have to rely on their own

Collectively, their effect was that an officer must not make a payment that would result in the dget being exceeded unless it beyond what would occur on an cordance with the procedure

so that whatever their tone they were still no more than if the secretary of state was

seeking to give guidance than he must use the language of guidance not that of direction. If the officer were told that he could not exceed the budget or the amended budget if he took it into account, could he do otherwise than not make the payment which would result in the budget

being exceeded? Having regard to the language used he could not reasonably think otherwise than that the individual circumstances of a particular applicant was not something which could justify a departure from the regime established by the budget's provisions.

The problem from the secretary of state's point of view was that while intending to have a flexible scheme to meet excepnonal needs, which involved officers using their own judgment in the application of discretion to each case according to its particular circumstances, at the same time he had imposed budget restraints in mandatory terms which were inconsistent with the intended flexible nature of the scheme. Solicitors: Ms Vicki M. D.

the determinations of the Social Security Fund Inspector in the case of Mr Derek Roberts and Mr Glen Sherwin.

In the Social Fund Manual:

In the Social Fund Manual:

The secretary of state directs

The under a ciaim considered.

While the unattractive feature of the body of directions was their rigid terms, it could be said their rigid terms of section to define "needs". The out of the Social Security Fund.

Under section 33(2) of the Act the social security fund officer was to take the rules rapidly if that were decisions on an application to define "needs". The was to be a greater reductance their rigid terms to their rigid terms.

The wide terms of section 32(2)(b) required him to be in a special review.

The was to be a greater reductance their rigid terms, it could be said to down.

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MOTORING

Lotus flowers in a clash of the sports

The Lotus Elan will spearhead the British challenge for modern sports

car supremacy

classical confrontation of motoring styles, West, will take place in Britain in the next few weeks. It is a clash between a tiny specialist firm trading on its reputation for pioneering technology and "Britishness" and a mighty Japanese company with a quick eye for market position and an ability to copy the best of the Lotus is introducing the new

Elan, which promises to be one of the most sought-after cars of the year. Production is sold out 18 months in advance and the orders are still rolling in.

But the launch of the little sportster will be met within days by a challenge from Japan — and what a challenge it is, too.

On March 14, Mazda will launch the MX-5, a car which has

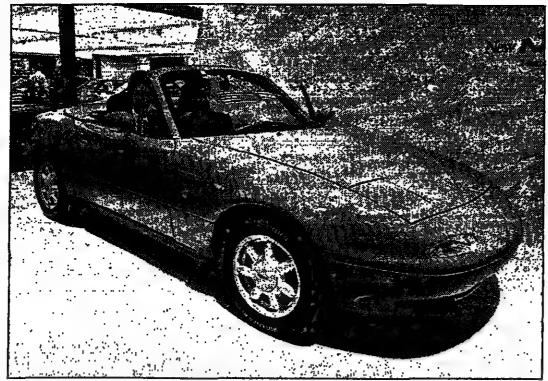
already taken the United States by storm with its "Back to the Future" combination of modern engineering and classic Sixties styling. The queues are also form-ing for the MX-5, signalling the start of a head-to-head battle between East and West.

A decade ago, the confrontation would have been as one-sided as a Wightman Cup match, with the Japanese wiping the floor with their flabby British competition.

But Lotus, secure under the wing of the world's biggest car company, General Motors, is fitter and stronger, and is heralding a return to an era of exhilarating motoring which appeared lost to a generation missing the delights of names such as MG, Triumph and Austin Healey.

When MG closed its gates at The tiny two-seater is well and truly back. Porsche and Ferrari have thrived, but only by provid-Abingdon, Oxfordshire, it was virtually the death of the affordable British sports car. Lotus had ing exotica for the seriously rich. For under £20,000, choice has been restricted to "hot hatches" moved up into the "supercar" league and there were no models and beefed-up saloons masto take the place of cars like the MG Midget and MGB as well as querading as sports options. the Elan, which had set the style

The rot set in more than a decade ago at the sprawling BL conglomerate, the gium face of British motoring, which scrapped Triumph, with its Stags and Spitfires, and then, in 1980, closed MG.



The Mazda MX-5: nostalgia for the Sixties has not stood in the way of modern dynamics and performance

t was love at first sight. I admit to being swept off my feet by the most glamorous little car coming onto the British market. With the MX-5, Mazda has a history a market combina-tion of pure nostalgia and high-tech wizardry. Mazda's tribute to the past feen wizarary.

Iranically, it was the Lotte Elan
of the Sixties, exemplifying carefree, open-top motoring, which
provided the inspiration for the
MX-5. Toshikiko Hirai, the man
behind the Mazda, makes no
accret of the fact that his little two-

sester is meant to croke memories

Anyone who remembers Diana Rigg as Emma Peel in the tele-vision show. The description

vision show, The Avengers, remem-bers the little Elan with affection.

Here is the Elan again. It should

be as British as roast beef, but

comes nextly packaged by the

for a generation of two-scaters.

A replacement for the Elan was

discussed as long ago as 1976, but

Lotus, along with much of the British car industry, was suffering

from cash problems at the time.

past did not prevent him adding modern dynamics of readholding

The curves are almost the muon as the old Elan; even the rasp en one our roller; even the rasping exhaust note — which took Mazda's englocers munibs to perfect evokes memories of everything a spects car should be.

Under the bonnet, though, is version of the punchy 16-valve, 1.6-litre engine which gave lets the

An expensive model development programme was out of the

The Japanese, as always, jumped on to the bandwagon as quickly as the British had leapt off. Their companies reacted to the rapid improvement of the world economy during the 1980s with a range of models ready to exploit the vacant niche.

Toyota's little MR2 eagerly filled the gap left by the Midget and the Elan, and Mazda an-

company's 323 range, delivering about 115 brake horsepower. great as the new Lotus Elan, but this car does not need to be a

However, the MX-5 looks like a winner whatever the performance, and is sure to attract a dedicated

MAZDA MX-5 Price: £14,000 expected. Engine: normally aspirated, 16-valve, 1.6-litre straight four-cyl-inder delivering 115 bhp through

five-speed manual gearbox and drive through rear wheels. Performance (still to be con-firmed): 0 to 60mph in less than 9 secs. Top speed 120mph, Fuel consumption about 30mpg on town

huminious high-performers with its rotary-engined RX7.

It was an opportunity missed by Britain, traditionally the world leaders in sports cars. Mike Kimberley, managing director at Lotus, was determined to end the Japanese lead, but it was only the surance of the takeover by General Motors, guaranteeing cash resources, which allowed the Elan back on the drawing board. Encouraged by the Elan's reception, even Rover - the descendant of BL, and not known for taking

Kimberley to revive the Lotus Elan ... but the wait was worth it, for the Elan sets new standards in sports car design and The genial Lotus managing director was badgering Colin Chapman, the company founder, to reintroduce an entry-level model as long ago as 1976, but Lotus then

could not afford the cash to npete with the Japan The takeover by GM, however, did provide the £35 million that Kimberley needed to bring back the Elan. He responded by tearing up all the hopeful designs and tentative drawings which had been made over the years at the firm

and starting again, The result is a car bristling with ismovation, from its composite glass-fibre body to its lightweight,

the market by storm - has plucked up the courage to take the famous MG bedge off its saloons and design a new open-top car for the mid-1990s.

Doubts about whether there are buyers for these out-and-out "fun" cars have been removed.

According to Kimberley, a generation of Dinkies — double income no kids — raised on GTi saloons is spawning large numbers ready to move on to "top-down" motoring, using the car as their first vehicle. A third of orders for

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But for both Lotus and Rover, the biggest incentive is exports. At least 60 per cent of the eventual 2,500 Flans built annually at Hethel will go abroad. Even in the United States, where the market for new vehicles has been declining for months, there seems no lack of enthusiasm for genuine sports cars. There are still an estimated 300,000 MGs on the

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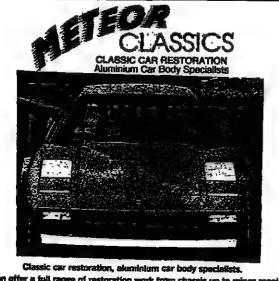
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Hertz Leasing and Fleet Management is offering cash incantives to company car buyers who order cars fitted with exhaust gas-cleaning catalytic convertors. Hertz says it will absorb half the additional cost on the lease, which could be worth up to £10 a month. Gloucester MP Douglas French is asking the Government for compulsory eye tests for drivers

over the age of 50. He says people can drive for 53 years up to the age of 70 without undergoing an eye check, raising the risk of accidents. The Royal National Institute for the Blind also warns do-it-yourself enthuasists to take care when working on their cars. Nine out of ten DIY-motorists wear no eye protection when working on their cars, it says,

Buyers of Volkswagen Polos are being offered a year's insurance for £9 — almost the same as for a VW Beetle when the model first came to Britain in 1952. The company has also introduced an "entry level" model to its Passat range. The Passat L saloon and estate are to compete with the Sierra, Cavalier and Montego for sales and cost £9,690 and £10,231

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The 300,000th Mazzia sold in Britain was a 323 1,8 Hatchback bought by Kidderminster solicitor Susan Jackson, who was presented with a bunch of flowers after her purchase. Mazda has operated in Britain for 21 years.

Mow is the best time to buy a new car, according to the magazine *Buying Cars*, which this month says that dealers will readily knock between 2500 and 21,500 off showroom prices to keep stock

Lade is aiming to hold on to its position as the company with the cheapest cars on offer by pricing the Riva 1300 Select at 23,333 on the road — the same at the 1985 price. The promotion lasts five seks and includes a Samura 1300 Select at £4,444.

■ Deituteu has unveiled a limited adition four-wheel-drive Sportrak model. Only 200 will be built, costing £10,649 with removable rear hard-top, electronic suspension demping, sports seats, and distinctive metallic black

Diary date: The Fleet Motor Show opens at Olympia, in London, on May 2 for two days. More than 100 companies will be them with the environment a major issue for company car drivers this

Speed to turn a motorist Green

world when a guardian of the nation's environmental conscience instructs us to drive smaller cars. The trend of the last few boom years in the industry has been towards larger-engined cars, offering extra comfort and performance, with barely a thought for

fuel consumption figures. As petrol prices have remained virtually static in real terms for more than 10 years, petrol costs have not played a large part in the buying priorities of motorists, particularly company car drivers, vho now account for more than

half of all new cars sold annually. But there is no doubt that the day of reckoning is coming as the Government casts its eye over potentially vote-winning Green policies. Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Transport Secretary, signalled a warning recently, saying that car companies should worry more about fuel consumption and less about speed.

Parkinson's new consultant, Professor Brian Hoskins dubbed the "Green Guardian" said this week motorists should drive smaller cars to cut the amount of fuel burned and reduce global warming.

Having to give up their zippy GTs for a tiny town car is medicine that many motorists would choke on. But is there any reason why performance and frugal fuel use cannot be linked for pleasurable, but responsible, motoring?

Take this example. Many drivers will jump into their company-

The French have stolen a lead in the super-mini market with the

Citroin AX which has excellent

performers throughout the range -from the one-litre AX10E to a LA-

litre diesel offering fuel economy of 54.3 mpg around town.

its own way for long, with Rover ready to insuch its new Metro, and Ford's new Flesta range taking over where the old model left off —

How does the Citroën AX GT

measure up to its current oppo-sition, the old Metro, being sold

off in the run-up to the new

at the top of the sales charts.

But Citroën may not have things

The Citroen AX offers enjoyable

driving and a

clear conscience

owned 2.0-litre Sierras this morning and drive 10 miles to the office. Their next business call may be another 10 miles away, including parking on a busy town centre street. Fuel consumption for the day, according to Ford's official figures, is at a rate of 29

miles to the gallon. A Citroën AX GT could do the same job better. Despite having an engine capacity of just 1360cc, the power-to-weight ratio of the French super-mini means it can outperform or match the Sierra in every department except sheer

The top speed is 112mph against the slightly higher Sierra figure of 116mph. But in the more useful area of acceleration, the AX. GT nips from a standing start to 60mph in 8.8 seconds against the Sierra's 9.7. In addition, fuel economy in town jumps to 37.2 miles to the

gallon with 57.6mpg available at a constant 56mph. That gives a possible maximum range of almost 600 miles on a 9.5 gallon

Figures compiled by Leasecontracts, the leasing and hire company, estimate an AX GT could return average fuel consumption of 43.7mpg, making

How the Citroën measures up

Price: £7,894, Engine: 1360cc with twin choke

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horsepower. Five-speed manual gearbox and front-wheel drive.

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 8.8 secs. Top speed 112mph. Fuel consumption 37.2 mpg on town

powered Fiesta? CITROEN AX GT

running costs about 28.6p per mile (if the car was leased). The per mile cost of a Sierra would be about 38n

The AX GT is a very good thing in a small package, because, like the MG Metro, which helped pave the way for super-minis, and the Fiesta XR2 and others, it uses its light weight to best advantage.

Clearly, a car like the AX can never substitute for the cabin and boot room of a Sierra. It is like comparing a catamaran with the

But in the seven-day activity of most cars, how many drivers really need room for five hulking adults and a boot big enough for the kitchen sink? Very few, if my eyesight is not letting me down.

Six thousand miles of driving an AX GT tells me that it is not only one of the best of the super-mini class, but an ideal town car, blessed with good looks, nippy performance and plenty of cabin

Interior styling is quite plush with sporting front sears offering comfortable positions, a nice chunky steering wheel and easy-to-find intrumentation. Boot room is generous at 9.6 cubic feet with fold-down rear seats. Driving is a pleasure with plenty

of acceleration for overtaking and excellent road-hugging abilities while parking is just a matter of searching for an available sixpence and popping onto it.

That makes the AX GT a

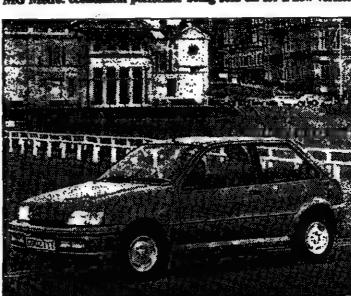
positive alternative to the Sierra class of bigger-engined cars for the driver who has no real need for



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Ford Firsts XR21: new range taking over the top of the sales charts

Mot-style checks on drivers

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Unlike a car, which the Government demands has an annual safety inspection, there is no test

of the one-piece of machinery most liable to go wrong... the person behind the wheel. However, it could be just a few months before there is a way of judging fitness to drive. Preparations are under way to launch a College of Driver Education, which will offer assessment tests for Britain's 20 million drivers.

The plan is to set up regional centres offering one-hour road examinations, testing driver awareness of new road signs, changes in performance of his or her car and changes in law.

The test could cost £20, but college officials say motorists should get the fee back from insurance companies. If they can be convinced to take the examina-tion report as testimony of driving ability, it may lead to premium

Mike Read, the college's vicepresident, says: "It will not be a pass or fail test, but an assessment to make sure the driver really is fit to be on the road.

"The Government and insurance companies demand that the vehicle is in good condition, why not the driver? At the moment, people pass their driving test and years later are still driving around unchecked while there have been substantial changes in modern cars, roads, signposts and legislation."

Read is one of a disparate group of people behind the idea for a college, which is still in the planning stage. The group, headed by Lord Auckland, the president, includes motoring figures like Bill Smith, the Department of Transport's chief driving instructor, and Bob Peters, head of the Institute of

Advanced Motoring.

If funding can be found, plans include a counselling centre for road-accident victims and a training centre for driving instructors, who are blamed in part for the high rate of driving-test failures -52 per cent.

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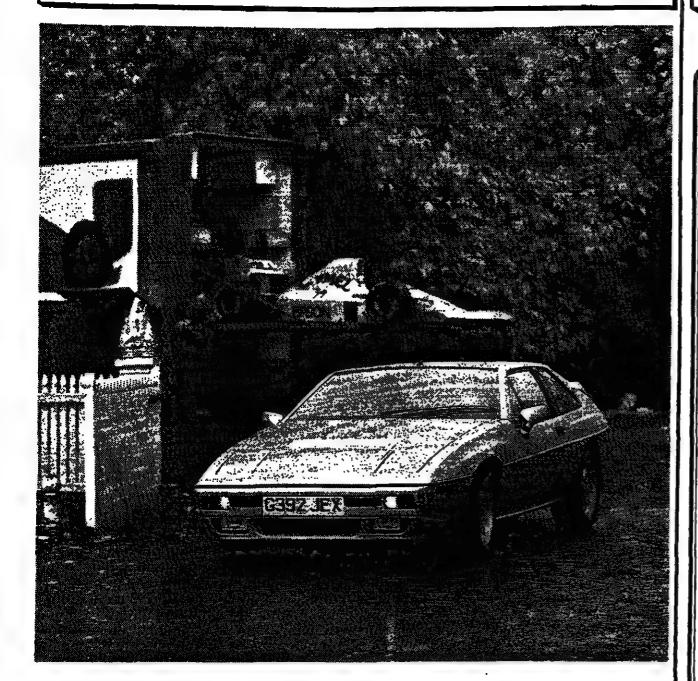
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Under the scheme, which is being managed by the National Computing Centre, in Manches-ter, the techniques used by companies such as the General Electric Company, National Power (the larger of the two bodies being privatized out of the Central Electricity Generating Board) and TSB, the financial services group, will be published in a series of instruction manuals.

Mr Ian Hunter, of the National Computing Centre, said that poor practice in information technology was costing British companies more than £500 million a year, Most failures were due to the lack of a clear implementation strategy. About 25 per cent of all systems were cancelled before completion,

"Large companies have enormous technology budgets and by tapping into this we can offer a guide to the most efficient methods and tools available," he said.

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"What would you like first -

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Faced with increasing competition from imports for its traditional

hand-operated lever pumps, Ernest H Hill, a small low-tech manufacturing company in Sheffield, decided to fight to win back its market. Mr Ernest Stanley Hill, the chairman, explained the problem. "We had cut our profit margin to zero, but from 1985 to 1988 we continued to lose our market to

other European and Far East com-

static at around £1.7 million." However, he was determined that his family engineering firm, founded in 1841, should win back its market and took a courageous decision to design, instead of engineer, his way out.

The result is Model 950, a heavy duty plastics lever pump which has just won a British Design Award. These awards, made annually by the Design Council, are one of Britain's top design accolades, based on performance, innovation, ease of use, value for money and good appearance.

Mr Harry Knowles, the managing director, said: "We have invested £80,000 over a two-year period in tooling and design, creating a product which costs half as much to manufacture as its metal predecessor and has won back its lost markets."

For the first time the company is exporting its pump to Japan and expects its exports as a proportion of total sales to rise from 5 per cent to 25 per cent in 1989. Turnover has risen by £350,000 over the past year to more than £2 million. Mr

Knowles said that as a small private company employing 87 people it could not afford to completely re-equip, so went down the route of design to reduce manufacturing costs and enhance the

appearance of a product which

was locked into the 1950s. Hill's market — oil companies such as Castrol, BP and Century — is sophisticated, buying pumps for garages looking for stylish products to go with modern oils. For such a traditional company as petition, with turnover remaining Hill, design has always been synonymous with engineering.

It took considerable mental adjustment to go to Mr Michael Chandler, an outside designer who is now managing director of Amical. The gamble paid off and has led to the company's decision to re-design its entire range of pumps and grease units.

A deal has been signed to supply Alentic Orion, a Swedish garage equipment manufacturer, with a range which it will market through its distribution companies.

Mr Knowles believes one of the problems for small businesses in Britain wanting to grow is high interest rates. "I am not asking for grants, just a reasonable borrowing rate so that I can make my own decisions about investment.

"I currently have German competitors who receive excellent support from their banks . . . at an interest rate which makes mine look ridiculous. With the present interest rate we have to eke out every penny and cannot take risks. If a company can't take risks, it can't move forward."



Award winner: Ernest Hill with the heavy duty plastics lever pump

BRIEFINGS

explore how far you might succeed as an entrepreneur. This is the central idea behind a workshop being organized on March 31 by the London Enterprise Agency (LEntA). The workshop, called Running a Market Stall, will cover subjects like business planning, financing, and information on supply sources. Among the speakers ply sources. Among the speakers will be Mr Matthew Harris, who will be Mr Matthew Harris, who started at 16 as a market dealer but now, aged 26, has a successful hair care and wig shop in London's Covent Garden as well as being a distributor for a German range of hairpleces. To start his market stall he had no need of a secretary, bank loan or office, but "just a warm anorak, a hired stall and a parcel of jeans to selt." Workshop details from Niki Cassidy, LentA, or (01) 235 3000. • First of three franchise exhibitions planned around the country this year by the British Franchise Association will be in Scotland from March 16 to 18 at the Scotland from March 16 to 18 at the Scotlish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow. About 60 franchise companies, which are looking for franchisees to exploit their formats, are expected to be at the exhibition including KP Foods. exhibition, including KP Foods which is launching a new franchise, Snackline. Another potential recruiter will be Glasgow-based Clothesline which sells discounted women's branded tashionwear. Seminars on tranchising will also be held. Admission is £4 a day. A spring national exhibition is due to be held in London from May 11 to 13, and the autumn event will be in Birming-ham from October 26 to 28. National Westminster Bank Is putting up £90,000 to sponsor a research centre for franchising at City University Business School, London. Likely projects include franchise activity in the European Community and differences in motivation between franchisees.

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neuve brought his slick skills as a snowmobile racer with him from Canada and showed motor racing drivers in Europe what amazing control he had learned from a career of racing on ice and snow, the strictly North American sport of snowmobile racing was an enigma on this side of the Atlantic.

Screaming, boat-like ma-chines, driven by a viciously spinning spiked rubber track and steered over cross-country trails by sharp metal skis, racing snowmobiles bear little horses originally designed in the 1940s to transport people and loads across the frozen tundra of Canada's Great White North.

The machines that opened up the remote settlements of sub-Arctic Canada have never become a necessity in Europe, except in parts of Scandinavia. In the Alps, what few recreational snowmobiles there are prove unpopular with skiers for churning up the

The oppressed snowmobiles of Europe, led by the innovative adventurers of France, looked back to the birthplace of the snowmobile as a venue for the first of what the French hope will become the snow mobile equivalent of the

Created by Rene Metge, a past winner of the Paris-Dakar, the "Hurricana 90" will be the longest and tough-est snowmobile race in the world. Racing from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal to the isolated settlement of Radisson, Quebec, on Hud-son Bay, 35 teams of three riders will have to cross 1,700 miles of ice, powder snow and rocky trails in under two weeks during late February and early March.

When the inaugural race starts on Sunday, tem-peratures in northern Quebec are expected to be as low as minus-45° C. The snow as mobilers will have to camp out every night along the trail with little more than a canvas tent and a wood stove to keep the teams warm.

When weather conditions allow, indians will set up food stops along the route for the competitors. Blizzards and white-outs could strand teams for hours or even days, halting support vehicles and grounding rescue helicopters.



Learning curve: Stan Hayes shoots his Ski-Doo through a bend on a training run near his home in Wisconsin as he prepares for the start of Hurricana 90

Stan Hayes was a rival of Villeneuve in short-circuit oval racing during the 1970s and is now one of the top 10 cross-country snowmobilers in the world. The man from Wisconsin is being wooed by many of the leading European teams entered in the race.

Surprisingly, few of the entries are from North Amer-ica, the traditional home of the sport. The entry fee alone, a hefty £30,000, is more than a top-class oval racing team would spend in a season.

Quiet and unassuming off a snowmobile, yet lightning quick and aggressive when the high-pitched engine on his Ski-Doo machine is screaming for mercy, Hayes has won all

mobile races in North America

"That's why I wanted to do the Hurricana," Hayes said in his mellow Midwest American drawl. "This is going to be the oddest race ever. Any races there are at the moment are maybe only 500 miles long and take no more than a day or so, but 1,700 miles and two weeks ... that's going to be omething," he said. To follow Hayes in training

for the Hurricana across the frozen landscape of Wisconsin was, in his own words, awe-some. Balanced precariously on the running boards of his rarely used black padded seat, Hayes shifted his weight delicately over the Ski-Doo. As he did so, the machine

at speeds nucleing 80mph. His arms and legs, taking the brunt of the pummelling and his thumb, caressing the throttle with minute precision, moved in perfect harmony with the

Behind Hayes, I tried (in vain) to emulate the master. Down twisty trails, sometimes no wider than the explosive machines themselves, Hayes led at an exhibitating pace, Leaning out one way and the other (avoiding saplings which had the ability to slice parts off man or machine), it was possible to point the snowmobile with surprising

At the same time, a squirt on the throttle made sure the move was executed swiftly. To 60mph, a snowmobile can i accelerate as fast as a racing

aggregate stage times, with each three-man team moving as one unit. To keep the teams together, each timed stage (there will be one each day and a few at night) will be judged on the last member of the team to cross the firmth line, for safety's sake.

The potential dangers of the race have not put off an impressive provisional list of competitors - including Jochen Mass and Jean-Pierre Jarier, both former Formula One drivers, as well as Marco Lucinelli and Mike Baldwin, both motorcyclists, and teams from Japan, Belgium, Canada

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Colne Dynamoes favourites to upset form book

An interesting note about sev-eral of this weekend's FA Trophy third round fixtures will be the comparison of standards between GM Vauxhall Con-ference clubs and those from the subordinate leagues who have a good chance of reaching the top

non-League flight next season.

Coine Dynamoes, the HFS
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leaders and perhaps the side closest to promotion, with a 14point lead, are also the most likely to cause an upset on Saturday. They are unbeaten at home since September 13, have disposed of two other Con-ference sides — including the 5-0 lefeat of Altrincham - at Holt House, and entertain Farn-borough Town, who have per-colated to the wrong end of the

Faraborough, who have never progressed this far, will be without Guthrie, the former Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, who is expected to be out for three weeks after breaking two fineers in the second round. fingers in the second round replay against Windsor and Eton. Batty, the Fulham reserve, was signed for Wednesday's 4-0 win over Cheltenham, which went some way to alleviate immediate relegation worries. Stafford Rangers, whose league form has slumped recently, face Redbridge Forest, from the Vauxhall League premier division, without their mier division, without their forward, Cavell, who may be out for two months after fracturing a

League premier division front-runners. Dover Athletic and Bath City, are still involved.

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Dover, who face a difficult tie at Kidderminster Harriers, have no injuries and are prepared for a match described as "the most important the club has played" by John Durrant, the secretary,

Bath travel to Woking, from the first division of the Vauxhall League, with Banks, a defender, suspended, Gocan, a midfield player, cup-tied, and Smith and Brown injured.

If Woking are minnows, their form still commands respect. They have missed promotion to the premier division by a point in the past two seasons, and are third, with games in hand, this year. Local interest has been roused, with gates exceeding 1,000 in the last two home ties. Leek Town, from the same level of the pyramid — the first division of the HFS League have also reached the third round recently. In 1985-86, they became the only North West Counties League side to reach the last 16. Tomorrow, they face Telford United, the champions, with Somerville doubtful.

The other two matches are all-Conference ties, with Darlington, who lost the leadership of the league to Barnet at the weekend, hosting Runcora at Feethams, and Yeovil Town entertaining Barrow at Huish. entertaiming serrow at Flush.

South Liverpool, who were forced out of their ground by arson and vandalism, are considering a move to a £800,000 stadium, developed with the city council in with the city council, in Wavertree, The HFS Loans premier division club will decide whether to move to the 700-seat, 6,000 capacity multisport development shortly.

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Liverpool's strength is Commonwealth trio

The Liverpool School of Physical Education seem bryinchle in their defence of the British men's team title at Wigan tomarrow. They are conched by Ma Soi, a former Chinese national coach, and three of their team — Neil Thomas, David Griffiths and David Cox — performed in the Commonwealth Games, in Anchine, New Zeniand, in Jennary.

Thomas was a said medal for

chester's leading gymnest, is recovering from injury, and Bush Harlow are fielding a comparatively young team. At the same time, the Essex club have arrong metivation to win buck the title which they held for nine years before losing it to Liverpool last year.

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McLaren on the track of more success

By John Blunsden

type MP4/5B car (right) with which Ayrton Senna and Gerhard Berger will be challenging for the 1990 For-mula One world champion-

Developed from last year's championship-winning design by Neil Oatley, the project leader of McLaren's design group, the new chassis is powered by the latest RA100E version of the Honda 31/2-litre V10 engine, and has been given an increased fuel capacity in a special rubber cell which conforms to recently revised safety regulations.

Power is transmitted through a heavily revised version of the six-speed trans-verse gearbox introduced in the middle of last season, and

The Honda Marlboro further aerodynamic tests McLaren Formula One team have resulted in a revised yesterday unveiled theirlatest profile for the car's side pods profile for the car's side pods and radiator ducting.

McLaren have retained their policy of using separate removable upper bodywork over the basic monocoque structure, the latter being manufactured exclusively for the team by Hercules Aerospace in a unique high-modulus material. In addition to the race cars,

the team is building both a prototype test car and a definitive race chassis designed to accommodate Honda's new V12 engine, which the team will be using in 1991, and with which their test driver, Jonathan Palmer, is expected to be heavily involved during the coming months. As previously, all the team's cars will be running on Goodyear tyres.



RUGBY UNION: WALES PUT POLITICS ASIDE AND PREPARE FOR A NEW ERA IN THE NATIONAL GAME **Edmunds** a trump in Neath's hand

By Owen Jenkins

While the focus of attention in tomorrow's Schweppes Cup quarter-final tie between Neath and Cardiff at the Gnoll might be on the large home contingent in the Wales team, a player out of the limelight on the left wing could well play the most important role: Alan Edmunds, with 37 tries, is by far the top scorer in England and Wales.

Last year, he topped the table with 39, and with a possible 17 games remaining with Neath this season, he will, in all probability, eclipse that total, although he has a long way to go before breaking the club record. "That is 58, set by Dan Jones in the 1930s, and he also scored another 18 playing for Great Western Railways," he said.
"I met him before be died and he was a very nice man. But, like me, he had some great centres and Cardiff at the Onoll might

me, he had some great centres inside him and every pass was a scoring one. I'll be happy if I get to 40 tries. The most satisfying one I've scored was against New Zealand, more for the way it was get up."

set up." So why does a player who has scowny toes a payer who has scored more than a hundred tries in the past three seasons not get an international cap? He played for Wales B earlier this season but full honours have cluded him. "I feel disappointed and left out but all I can do is keep plodding on and scoring the tries [Cont don't see his home audience after scoring the tries. If you don't get finishing an unexpectedly low a cap, the next best thing is the respect of your fellow players and opponents — if I've got that I'll be satisfied," he added. His chance might still come, if

not in 15-a-side then in sevens. Edmunds scored 10 tries and was outstanding in the Crawshays squad which won the Emirates Dubai trophy. Critics point to his weak defence and his tendency to look for the interception which leaves him wide open.

"I've never been a great tackler but I've worked hard on that," he said. "Nowadays a winger is like a second or third full-back and a lot of my tries have been scond on the right have been scored on the right. Look at Campese and Kirwan: they look for work, they don't just stay on the wing." Cardiff will be well aware that they have conceded 90 points on their two previous visits to the Gnoll, but they have been boosted by the confidence of

their win against Llanelli and the scene is set for a classic encounter. Edmunds added: "We do not fear anyone, but respect every-body. If a side of our calibre isn't confident then there is no point taking the field. But I do believe

Cardiff tie has no respite for Neath players

There is to be no rest for the nine Neath players required by Wales against Scotland next weekend. All of them, including the two new caps, to whom tradition grants the weekend off tradition grants the weekend off before their first international, will play against Cardiff at the Gnoll tomorrow in the Schweppes Welsh Cup quarter-final (David Hands writes). Fifteen of the Welsh match squad of 21 will be involved at the Gnoll since six of Cardiff's players are also promited on

players are also required on March 3. The struggle between the two front rows will be one for the connoisseur. Neath's trio will play for Wales next week while Cardiff's three—Griffiths, Watkins and Blackmore—have all played for Wales. Bristol, who play Moseley in

the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup, will be without Blackmore in their second row as he has yet to recover from his back injury, so Lear will depu-tize against Moseley who have Barr, Lloyd and Arntzen fit. Gloucester (at Nottingham), Seth (at Richmond) and Bath (at Richmond) and Leicester (at Northampton) are at full strength. Hill, the Bath and England scrum half, had a

and England Schulin half, had a "dead leg" after last weekend's international against Wales but is confident of taking his place at Richmond Athletic Ground. ● France are expected to make one change to the side to play Ireland in Paris on March 3, which is due to be named on Sunday. After the suspension of Carminati, the Beziers flanker, Roumat is likely to move to the

Condom may be recalled.

Waldron's wind of change

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Ruo Waldron, as the occasion of the successor of his first selection as Welsh team coach, looked supremely to be in charge which be clearly is, given that seven of the team come from his club, Neath, and two more will sit it out on the commit beach.

two more will sit it out on the replacement beach.

He looked comfortable, if any man can be said to look or feel confortable, after the turbulence of the previous four days.

It may be that a week is a long time in politics, but, Dennis Evana, the secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, with a glint in his eye, said: "Believe me, a single day is a long time in Welsh rugby."

From the secretary of the welsh rugby."

From the secretary of the management of his replacement by early evening, making an appointment was quite a mission to accomplish. John Ryan's decision, first mooted immediately after the game and before the press conference at Twickenham, was made in the best interests of Welsh rugby.

If it put the WRU is an awkward position, having to find a successor is mid-season, it did at heat the that the max couch would have two remaining games with a squad, before the Hong Kong sevens, where Wales will be represented for the first time, and the five match trip to Namibia, to establish a rapport with players before next season. Upsing was carraged by the senior men over the weekend, and once they were curvosced of their man — with an executive



endorsing their view — there was hardly any point in having a caretaker period.

On Wednesday, Ron Waldron entered the selection meeting as coach and enterged, 2½ hours later, having been given a vote of coafidence by the panel to be its chairman as well. It is donated whether anything less would have been acceptable to him. He has already been voted on the union's general committee as one of its national representatives.

Whatever the other four nelec-

Whatever the other four relec-tors may think, this will be perceived everywhere as Wal-dron's team: It has to be. At any other time, such a representation from the national canch's own chab would have brought a

combing upreer.

Cries of bias, with vetes of censure at the next AGM, might be the kindest of these responses. But these, as you will

Neith his been the estimating club in Wales for the last four years. They play exciting rugby which people want to see and which also proves to be successful. On the other hand, the national team is floundering on its backside, contemplating its navel, not knowing which way to turn. It brooks no argument: who is there left who dares unise any kind of voice?

It is a mark of Waldron's conviction—and courage—that he ignored any compromise and carried out his own plan. It would be overstating the case to say there was an air of confidence at the Angel Hotel in Cardiff, where the team was annunced. There were plenty of smiles, but the units were those of men, down to their shirts and braces, sleeves rolled up and with shift work to be done. They might just as well smile in doing

change in tactical plan?" was the way, I think, the question was

"What do you think?" came the reply. "You can see the team for yourself."

Waldron looked the questioner straight in the eyes. You got the drift that there wen't be much of what they refer to, in polite society, as Texan manure. There was plenty of affability and it all went without a hitch,

There was one moment, however, of potential electricity, which only a Weishman, per-haps, familiar with the intrigue, might savour. This occurred when David Burcher and Jeff Smires hoth former inter-Squire, both former inter-nationals, and now selectors, left the hotel early.

For the minitiated, I had For the ministant, I had better explain: they are both from Gwent. East Wales, you see — which left three West Wellans behind. There is a difference, as they sell me. It is a small point, but some people like to notice.

with a signal lack of succ gossips, mwilling to accept that Wales could not play rugby any more, were turning elsewhere for reason. The Gwent mafin was, I think, a coinage beginning to do

Gerhard Berger

The two aforements The two aforementioned, and John Ryan, were from Gwent, which outsumbared the Was Walians, Icean Evens and David Richards. The departure of Ryan, and the Installation of Waldron, gave West Wales the edge. Such convolution does not seem to matter when the going gets tough; it all meant nothing, and was only good fireside banter.

There was no need to front page. Squire and Burcher left early because their job was done. The team management was delayed whilst the chairman was doing his other duties on the telephone — informing all the

players of the decision.

Perhaps it is wishful thinking to attach too much significance to the fact that the announcement was made from the Angel Hotel. It is an evocative place for any Welsh player. It used to be where it was always done in those high, bright days before the use of austerity set in. Recently, more prosalcally, it has been done from behind a deak elsewhere.

desk elsewhere. Ron Waldren called out the in the Angel foyer. It was like a returning officer announcing an election result. Except that this

Sherborne prove potential St Mary's in record Cup finals

By Gordon Allan

St Mary's Charing Cross-W... Not without a spot of bother, St Mary's, the holders, advanced to the Hospitals Cup final when they best Charing Cross-West-minster by a try and two penalty

They play The London, last season's beaten finalists, on the London Welsh ground on March 7.

goals to a goal, at Motspur Park

It will be St Mary's fourteenth consecutive final, breaking the record set by Guy's just before the First World War.

Charing Cross-Westminster were their equals everywhere except the lineouts and, with numerous passes being dropped in midfield, the final score was in the balance right up to the last

Although St Mary's had the breeze at their backs in the first half, they did not use it well, most of their positional kicks going over the dead-ball line. McLaren landed two penalties, one from wide out, rather against the run of play, while Hutton made some telling thrusts for Charing Cross-West-minster and Swart once ran from one 22 to the other before

being stopped by Wintle. There things stood until the sixtieth minute when, from an indirect penalty near the Charing Cross-Westminster line, the ball was moved crisply out to Wintle, who rounded his man to touch down at the corner.
With 10 minutes left, Charing

Cross-Westminster suddenly threw the game open with a simple score.

They forced a five-metre scrum and Spreadborough ran straight through for a try be-

tween the posts, converted by Fawcett.
It is the first Hospitals Cup

match I can recollect with an overseas referee. David Kennedy is here from Sydney on exchange with the London Referees Society and this was his fourth game.

SCORERS: St. Mary's Hospital: Try: Winde, Penalties: McLaren (2), Charling Cross-Westminster Hospital: Try: Spreadborough, Conversion: Favocett, ST MARY'S: A Field: R Whitle, D Gillen, K Smins, J Walters: D McLaren, I O'Conry: D Vaughan, L O'Hera, A Ellery, J Hartley, P Toozs-Hobson, S O'Leary, S Kefly, P Mitchell.

O'Sullivan's record looks vulnerable to confident Elliott

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

confidence after 12 successive victories, has set himself an ambitious plan to win at 1,500 metres for Britain in the Dairy Crest Games against East Germany in Glasgow tonight and then fly to Stockholm where, only 16 hours after stepping off the Kelvin Hall track, he hopes to break the on it, but the same circumworld indoor record for the

On the same 8.30am flight tomorrow will be Jens-Peter Herold, the East German who took the bronze medal behind Elliott's silver in the Olympic Games 18 months ago. And waiting for them in Stockholm is likely to be Wilfred Kirochi, the Kenyan who also had to settle for a rear view of Elliott when the Englishman had the finest moment of his sevenyear international champ-ionship career three weeks ago: a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games. Tonight's race will be his first in Botain since Auckland.

Elliott's manager-coach. Kim McDonald, confirmed to in a men's international him on Wednesday that match in Paris two weeks ago. Kirochi, the silver medal winner in Auckland, was on the only two individual victories Stockholm entry list, although he was apparently having difficulty obtaining a visa. McDonald also said that pacemakers would be provided, in which case it is hard to imagine that the record, held by the Irishman, Marcus O'Sullivan, can survive.

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keeper of such things, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, is 3min

to break Eamonn Coghlan's world record. Statisticians aris the time O'Sullivan ran in 1988 before the slower one in 1989. The IAAF did not accept the 1988 time because there was only one hand watch stances prevailed when O'Sullivan ran a faster time 12

months ago. When Elliott attempted the mile record, he was suffering jetlag following his flight from Auckland. But he said yesterday: "The 1,500 metres is the softer record. If they are going to put pacemakers in to go at world record pace, we might as well have a go at it."

There will be no consideration given to a record this itical changes, together with IAAF moves towards stricter drug controls, no doubt contributed towards the un-usual sight of East Germany finishing last of six countries

But Heroid provided one of for his country and Elliott's primary task will be to gain maximum points for Britain.

Elliott, who intends to run in Seville on Tuesday, said: "I the way and then go back to pionships at the same venue

Britain's men will be keen The record, according to the to maintain the momentum Universities, Loughborough report of such things, the gained last year when, out- and Birmingham Univergained last year when, outdoors, they won the European Cup and finished third in the 35.6sec and Elliott was only World Cup, having defeated 0.53sec outside that time in the United States and the New Jersey during a mile race Soviet Union indoors. There Sunday afternoon.

Peter Elliott, brimming with a fortnight ago, when he failed is the chance, with a match against the United States and the Soviet Union to come, at gue, however, that the record Cosford on March 18, for should be 3:35.4 because that them to establish themselves as Europe's best indoors as

While the British women are expected to lose tonight, the men hold the promise of ending their country's 9-0 losing record, covering both sexes, against East Germany since indoor matches between the two began in 1971.

Linford Christie, the Commonwealth 100 metres champion, has Marcus Adam, the Commonwealth 200 me-tres gold medal winner, to contend with at 60 and 200 metres tonight. Together with John Regis and Clarence Callender, Christie and Adam could challenge the world record for the 4 x 200 metres relay, held by Italy at 1min

Tom McKesn will be anxious to perform well in front of finishing an unexpectedly low seventh in the Common-wealth 800 metres. A late addition to the programme is a non-acoring 1,000 metres, in which David Sharpe, Ikem Billy and Rob Harrison have been invited to impress the selectors before the last names are added to Britain's team for will get these three races out of the European indoor cham-

next weekend. • Athletes from the Scottish sities, the SAAA, the SWAAA and the Scottish Schools will take part in a representative match at the Kelvin Hall on

SNOOKER

Morgan's special incentive

Darren Morgan had a salutary lesson in courage drummed into him just before the turn of the year. Utterly depressed over the serious illness being suffered by his mother, Morgan, aged 23, refused even to practise for so far, in the Pearl Assurance
British Open by beating his
stablemate 5-4 in the third
round in Derby. almost two months. His mother lost patience;

shock treatment was patently needed to stir him out of his lassitude, and she provided it in full measure when she told him that she would refuse further treatment if he did not pick up his cue and get back to work. There was no answer to this but to obey the wishes of his mother, who is now home again

at the family house in the South Wales village of Cwmfelinfach. Last week, Morgan, who after winning the world amateur championship turned profes-sional at the beginning of last

ionship for the first time, and on Wednesday night be stunningly ended the interest of Stephen Hendry, the player of the season

"Up to a few months ago I was totally peeved with snooker," Morgan, the world No. 53, said. "But the doctors No. 53, said. But the declars said mum needed all the uplift she could get. The Welsh championship and my win over Stephen, my best so far, were both for her."

Having so seriously damaged Hendry's hopes of overtaking Steve Davis as the world No. I at the end of the season, it was almost inevitable that in the first of the re-draws which will be a feature of this tournament inevitable that in the

after every round, Morgan should have come out of the hat with Davis. They meet on Sunday night for a place in the last 16.

"You know, I guessed I was going to get Davis," Morgan said. "He's my favourite player, and it will be the first time I have ever played him, so I know there will be a great atmosphere.

"I also know that you have to beat the top players if you are going to win titles; but the draw could have been kinder."

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of the game's backwaters Eight of the leading clubs in England gather their forces to-morrow for the quarter-finals of

the Pilkington Cup. But the bettle is no less intense lower down the scale, for this is the time of year when county cups are won and lost, when those who will enter the first round of next season's Pilkington Cup are

decided.

One such is Sherborne who, on March 18, will take on Salisbury at Bournemouth in the final of the Dorset and Wits Cup. In rugby union terms the combined counties of Dorset and Witshire represent something of the property of the such that the such thas the such that the such that the such that the such that the su thing of a backwater yet there they experimented with a league system before the rest of the country agreed one and they will be the first constituent body in the south-west division of the Rugby Football Union to have their own youth development officer, following interviews bed the week.

That there is a potential for rugby union is illustrated by the presence in the southern area league of Salisbury, and the growth of clubs such as Sherborne, whose history covers only 10 years. The club sprang from a bunch of disaffected football players who feit that sport had more to offer than a non-stop diet of matches ou Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and Sunday mornings

In a short decade Sherborne, an attractive little town of some 9.000 souls on the Dorset bor-

the third and fourth XVs of the likes of Dorchester, Yeovil and Bournemouth, to holding their own against the first XVs of those clubs and such well-established sides as Weymouth, Chippenham and Devizes. At the beginning of this season they played the combined counties XV and lost by only three

They have, as it were, seized the time. They have benefited by the proximity of Sherborne School, not so much for their playing membership as the guid-ance of experienced coaches from among the staff of one of the leading rughy-playing in-dependents in the country. League rugby has also given them a way forward which they would otherwise have lacked but, essentially, it has been the hard work of their members which the previous the format work of their members. which has sustained their upward impetus.

From modest beginnings as a Sunday social side they can now radius some 80 playing members. This season they began a fourth senior XV, an under-16 team and a mini-rugby section, and are drawing up a five-year plan to determine realistic tar-gets based on their present strength and facilities, assisted by the fact that it is easier to offer the possibility of repre-sentative football with Dorset and Wilts to recruits than it is for clubs such as Yeovil just over the border in Somerset, who tend to draw players from

from a local garage and sports shop, is measured in material goods and three-figure sums. An estimated annual turnover of between £12-15.000 is derived from bar takings and social activities such as discos, bicycle rides and walks, which involve the whole family and also members of the other two clubs (cricket and tennis) who share a £40,000 clubhouse opened in May last year on their ground which is owned by the town council whose support has been of great value to the emergent "There is a terrific ambience

clubs to the north of the county.

At Sherborne sponsorship,

for players and their families, both from our game and the other two sports." Date O'Loughlin, the coaching organizer of Sherborne, said. O'Loughlin, a carpenter, has his own history in that he would own history in that he would have been one of three brothers to play in the same county side had be not broken his neck. In successive seasons Sherborne have been fourth and

third in the Berkshire, Dorset and Wilts first division. This season they lead the way and, depending perhaps on their game with Dorchester on March 10, stand to earn promotion to the Southern Counties League. At the same time as their first generation of players grows older, they are developing their own club administrators who

Tumble out to cause a fall

By Peter Bills

Tumble folk still talk of their side's greatest day in Welsh Cup rugby. Back in 1977, the tiny West Wules village, population 3,000, had mighty Newport on the rack in a fifth round tie. Newport, their nerves shredded, were hanging on at 12-12, set 10 squeeze through on the away try

Then came the moment which created discussion in the which created discussion in the village's pubs and clubs for years to come. Tumble were awarded a penalty and Steve Lewis sent the kick high to the posts. One touch judge's flag went up, the other stayed down and international referee Meirion Joseph refused to give the good Nature. refused to give the goal. New-port survived and went on to win the trophy.

Tumble men are hoping for

better luck tomorrow when they will be tasting the heady at-mosphere of the quarter-finals for the first time. Bridgend, at the Brewery Field, might seem a daunting prospect but the Dyfed club's players, coached by Barry John's youngest brother, Clive, are in good heart.

would be stupid to say we are thing to win the boys will never would be stupid to say we are confident, because we are meeting one of the top four teams in Wales," John said. "But we play rugby the way the game should be played; hard but fair. Although this is a big game, we will play to the rules and be totally discription!"

The village will be turning out for the journey down the M4. All available coaches have been hired out and even some Lianelli folk, mindful that their own team is out of the competition, are threatening to travel to support the minnows. The cynics will tell you that

Tumble, much the most successful of the West Wales junior clubs durng the last decade, play only a nine-man game. John concedes their-approach is based on forward strength and admits Bridgend will be fitter, faster and bigger physically.

However, with their proud cup record, Tumble can be expected to give a good account of themselves. "We have been a "We won't be overawed. It years and when there is some-

give up." John said.

"Reaching the quarter-final is something to be proud of for a junior club, a real honour. No junior side has ever got past this stage and so the incentive is enormous for us."

They have not even bothered to go and watch Bridgend, these gallant, breezy West Waleans. Not through a false sense of bravado but simply because they know they are meeting one of the best.

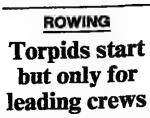
and captain, and Errol Price, at hooker, a former Wales under-21 international and Welsh youth cap, carry the main hopes of club and village.

But one other man will have a major role — the local bobby.
"With the village virtually empty and everyone at Bridgend, someone will have to John said.

Glais, Oakdale, Talywain. Bonnymaen and Llanharan have all fallen to Tumble on their journey to the last eight. On the field, players such as Arwel Davies, the scrum half and entain such Errol Peice at

Mitchell CROSS-WESTMENSTHER: B Smith; N Cooke, M Hutton, J Spreadborough, C Swart: A Fewcett, E Rower A Warkins, S Vavasour, L Gould, M Jeffery, T Creed, M Mason, D Cahal, R Walket, Roteree: D Kennedy (Australia).

Cheltenham, the British Col-leges Cup holders, will meet Moray House, of Edinburgh, in the first semi-final of this season's competition on March 7 at



The "no rowing" signs came down on the Isis yesterday for the 24 crews in the men's first and second divisions (a Special Correspondent writes). The flood-affected Torpids

begin today but only for these leading crews and for two days rather than the planned four. Oriel will lead off the first division and try to stretch their record of wins to 19. Oriel, like many other high starting crews, have managed to keep active on the Tideway but, inevitably, many contestants will be less

prepared for action than usual. MEN'S FRIST DIVISION: Onel, New College, Christ Church, Brasenose, Hert-ford, Onel II. St Catherine's, Keisle, Balliol, University, Magdalen and St Edmund Hall.

I have marked your essay on schools team games and I am pleased to read your conclusions. However, aithough you have tried hard to answer the question, you have been too easily distracted from the main argument by what appear to be personal prejudices.

You also have an unfortunate tendency to be selective with the facts - but this could be the pervasive influence of your new playmates. I suggest you have another word with Colin, the school sports monitor, and also pay strict attention to the Headmi has, from time to time, had strong things to say about football.

NOTES: It is true that 20 years ago volunteer teachers took school teams to play in matches. At that time, they felt respected as a profession, looked forward to a career of selfless devotion and a decent treatment in their retirement years. Today they are often out on Saturday mornings driving taxis to help pay the mortgage.

You write about growing selfishness in society and the worship of rsonal development — both manilested in sport. You do have a point, of course. However, you omit any mention of criticisms which have

A report on Sir Rhodes

Boyson's End Column

(February 14) from Dr Don Anthony, former principal lecturer at

Avery Hill College, London, and president of

the English Volleyball

Association

been made by other schools about our own ethos and especially that of the Headmistress herself — which could have some bearing on our own social plight.

You also say "doing your own thing" has replaced "good thing" has replaced good sportsmanship" as an ideal. I do not understand this, Rhodes. In both personal and collective sports, you can always behave in a sportsmanlike way. Please think more deeply about this one.

Then you come on to the matter of portsmasters who were taught to slike team sports". Please, Rhodes - I have told you before - do not

repeat rumours which have little incodation. The facts are that same team sports have enjoyed a dramatic development over the last 20 years, volleyball, for example.

Volley is enjoyed by boys and girls, they can also play in mixed eams; and the sport can be played throughout life. It is good for cities. It has developed especially well in areas where monetarism has run rife and children are no longer based out to playing fields or taken freely to swimming pools.

You quote the specialist from Loughborough University's health and physical education project as saying that "competitive sport was bad for the health of the nation's youth". From which context did you take this quote? However, the expert at whom you sneer can speak your own deeply felt views from time to time. It could be that competitive sport — too much of it and at the wrong age — will damage health. Try to be fair in your thinking.

You should also remember that we

do not know too much about these problems. There are very few researchers in our country funded to investigate the effect of sport and exercise on human social devsport and physical education, ideally set up for research, were either mutilated beyond recognition or closed. At least one stands alle and empty in Kent.

When I tried to investigate the denise of a national college of physical education in London nated to the nation by the Victorian lady who founded it - I was told by the Charity Commission that I must wait 30 years because of the Public Records Act I do not think I have ever

mentioned to you that, at this time, I was concluding more than 25 years' service to the Inner London Eduservice to the training physical education teachers. Some of our trainees even tanght at your school. None was ever taught to dislike team sports, although they did have a wider view than cricket and football. ILEA at no time tried to influence the views of myself and my colgues about the role of competition

is education. How did this rumous about an "auti-team games ILEA policy" arise? Perhaps you have inside information, Rhodes, and I would be glad to receive it. Desnite these facinal errors, you

come to a suprisingly refreshing conclusion. Your hard words about the teachers' 1,265-hour contract are extremely pertinent. When the idea was first mooted, I wrote to the Department of Education and Science asking if there was any chance of a retrospective payment since I had spent too many hours working voluntarily with teams in the evenings and weekends. There was no

You say that the contract needs scrapping; that teachers should be treated like professionals again; that out-of-school activities should be counted for promotion; and that these activities be recognized in the national curriculum. All excellent

You also say that teachers should be paid "expenses" for taking teams eat of school hours. Why only "expenses"? Why not stretch your imagination and try to devise a carricalum which allows for sport and exercise every day for every

the grade of six out of 10. You have tried hard and made some excellent points. The issue is more comlicated than you thought. I am hopeful you will do better next time.

GOLF: IRISHMAN PLAYS AN ALMOST UNNOTICED TUNE TO BE SIX UNDER PAR AND A SURPRISE THREE-STROKE LEADER

Darcy scorches to a course record across desert sand

From John Hemessy

Eamonn Darcy led a band of marauding Irishmen across the desert sand to dominate the first day of the Desert Classic here yesterday. Darcy soared from four

under par to six under in three stunning holes from the 13th and finished with a 64, two strokes inside the course record. Mark James, the winner last year, came next on 67. followed by four players on 68 - Mark Davis, of Essex, Peter O'Malley, a rugged Australian, who caused a stir when he was beaten for this title last year only after a play-off with Mark James, and two other Irishmen, Jimmy Heggarty, from the north, and Des Smyth, like Darcy, a son of the Republic.

Darcy would not be anyone's idea of the Red Shadow. He is about as Irish as you can get and "Londonderry Air" would much more likely be his party piece than the "Desert Considering the magnitude of Darcy's achievement it went largely unnoticed. Ballesteros was playing two matches ahead, Card of course Hole Yds Fe

with James and the eider Brand, and there was a tendency for them to tow the big gallery away from Darcy's

an even tenor, except that the two expensive imports, Ballesteros and Faldo, were making no impact on the scoreboard (both recorded 72), when Darcy had that electrifying burst that catapulted him four shots ahead. At this point James, revelling, you can be sure, in upstaging Ballesteros,

At the 550-yard 13th, Darcy hit a three-wood to 12 feet for an eagle. Another three followed at the 434-yard 14th, by way of a drive and eight-iron to 10 feet, and he then stole an

Calcavecchia well rested for Riviera

From John Ballantine, Los Angeles

Open champion.

It is Riviern, a par-71, 6,946-yard course that lies just below Sunset Boulevard in this sprawl-ing city. The Los Angeles Open started here yesterday.

The ocean sparkles like grey ginger beer a mile away but does not feature in the playing of the course, it can be seen, however, like a backdrop from the huce white and red Spanish-style clubhouse that stands proudly on a hill overlooking the giant barraneas, or dried-up creek

period to pen Brighton into their own half, and David Carnell

scored twice, after 10 and 44

Brighton failed to break down

the Statford defence after the

interval and became increas-ingly vulnerable: Stafford

spurned their best chance when Jez Hansboro missed a penalty.

The men's hockey tour-

nament has produced two un-

likely finalists: Thames, who beat Nottingham 3-1, have

Crisanto España will never ex-

cite the boxing purist. The tall.

gangling welterweight from Venezuela with a phenomenal

reach who is fast becoming Ireland's most popular adopted

son - he has been living in the.

Province for 18 months -

battered Delfino Marin, a tough

Mexican, into submission in the

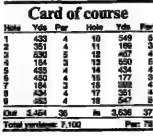
first half-minute of the sixth

how at the Ulster Hall, Belfast,

on Wednesday night (George

Ace writes).

España, aged 25, is a veritable punching machine. "It doesn't being thrown with abandon.



The day was proceeding on was still only three under.

After Ben Hogan won the title here in 1942, 1947 and 1948, as well as the US Open in 1948, they called it "Hogan's Alley". Ben Crenshaw describes competing on it as "like a game of outdoor chess — it's laid out in angles with always a way in and a way out but with many options". Sandy Lyle last year called it "one of the world's best courses" after finishing second here to Mark Calcavecchia, the Open champion.

hole, the green of which is surrounded by a natural ampitheatre for thousands of

Calcavecchia, a late starter yesterday, has had a couple of weeks off and is keen to get going again. "I'm refreshed and ready to defend my title. I love this course," the Open cham-pion said. "because there's nothing tricky about it. Everything is right in front of you with just trees and grass. I like courses like that."

"I hit the wrong club at the 15th," he said. "Yesterday I hit a seven- or eight-iron in practice, but now I was 30 feet short with a six because of a change in the wind direction." But there was magic now in his putter, and the ball rolled h 2,636 37 obediently home. Darcy's swing, with its pronounced heave, must bring an ache to the heart of any teaching professional. But if it

is not a pretty sight it is pretty Still more hammer blows were possible when he hit a sand wedge to 10 feet at the 17th and laid up short of the water protecting the 18th, but his putter, having done a solid tour of duty, shaved the hole

on both occasions. James advanced his cause with three birdies in the last four holes. A six-iron reduced the short 15th to a two, and he succeeded where Darcy had failed in holing from 10 feet at the 17th and getting home with a pitch and putt at the last. He seemed none too pleased with himself afterwards, rather as if someone had sneaked off with his

Davis seemed to have profited from a trip to Palm Springs, there to sit at the feet of Lee Trevino. It may seem incongruous that a player with such a widely admired method should consult one with a swing of outrageous idiosyncrasy. Davis, in any case, was seeking guidance principally on his short game. Two shots in the rough at the 8th (his 17th) threatened to mar his performance, but a putt from 25 feet saved the

Jean Van de Velde, of France, and Magnus Persson, of Sweden, were fined £250 under rules governing slow play, whereby the first man to hit is allowed 55 seconds, the others 40 seconds. Persson's match exceeded the target of four hours 20 minutes by 15

Seconds.

LEADING FRIST ADVINO SCORES (GB and to unless manufolist & Durry (coarse record). 67: M James. 68: P O'Madey (Aus). M Davis. D Smyth., J Heggarty. 69: P Smith., M McNighy (Zm). 70: A Chander, P Harrison, A Hare. H McParlane. K Brown, D Gittord, P Parlon, J Parrenvil (Swe). B Longmar. Other Scores: 72: N Faldo, C O'Connor Jun. 73: G J Brand.



Partners: Nick Faldo and his caddie, Fanny Sunesson, of Sweden, in Dubai

Green uses up all his luck

Hong Kong (AP) — Ken Green, of the United States, and Choi Kwang-soo, of South Korea, shared a one-stroke lead in the Hong Kong Open yesterday after producing rounds of 66, five under par, at the Royal Hong Kong Club.

Green, aged 31, from West Palm Beach, Florida, had bird-ies on the second, third and fourth holes, and saved further shots to par on the 9th, 12th and 13th. His only error was a bogey on the 15th.

Green, a Ryder Cup player

last year, had his troubles off the tee all day, but redeemed himself on the greens with several putts of more than 18 feet. "I can't get lucky for the next three rounds." he said. The littleknown Choi had birdies on the

stroke behind Yau were Stuart Hendley, from The Woodlands, Texas. Kuo Chie-hsrung and Chen Tze-ming, of Taiwan, and

41b, 7th, 10th, 12th and 13th lioles. Yau Sui-ming, of Hong Kong. gave the home crowd something

Kong Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, and Seitchi Kanai, of Japan, who were among the pretournament favournes, had even-par rounds. The Hong Kong Open is the second leg of the 11-stop Asian circuit.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES. GE K Green (US). Choi Kwang Soo (S Kor). 57: Yau Su-ming (HK). 68: D Bouler (HK). Chen Tze-ming (Tahwan). S Hendley (US). Kuo Ctee-Issung (Tawan). 69: Chen Tze-chung (Tahwan). T Fleming (US). Han Kyi Hz (Burma). E Meeks (US). L Porrer (US). 70: M Abba (US).

Bovelander could hold cup key for The Netherlands

The national hockey stadium, with a capacity of 50,000, will be a department of play in which filled to overflowing for today's World Cup final, between Pakistan and The Netherlands.

The Dutch will be seeking revenge for the 3-2 defeat by Pakistan in the 1978 final, in Buenos Aires, where Pakistan won 3-2 after The Netherlands had taken a 2-1 lead. Oddly, the same two teams who took part in the play-off for the bronze medal, Australia and West Germany, will provide the curtain raiser to the final. On the previous occasion, Australia The dazzling forward line of Pakistan, with Shahbaz Ahmed

Pakistan, with Shahbaz Anmed the main schemer, may not be given the same freedom they found against Australia, whom they defeated 2-1 in the semifinal. The Dutch do not play the running game, as the Australians do, although they are quick to exploit their wing forwards. The Netherlands can claim to have arguably the best centre half in the tournament, their

captain, Marc Delissen, who had a splendid game against West Germany, but he will find his task a lot more arduous against the volatile, and seemingly inexhaustible, Pakistan ds. Yet Pakistan, despite all their brilliance, squandered numerous chances against the Australians, and won the match

Pakistan, eleventh in the 1986
World Cup and fifth in the
Olympic Games of 1988, have
climbed back to the top, not
only to challenge the might of
Europe, but also to herald the Europe, but also to herald the revival of the game in Asia. revival of the game in Asta.
PAKISTAN (probable): Mansoor Ahmad:
Casi Mohib, Khalid Beshir, Anjum Seed,
Ferhet Khan, Kwaja Juneid, Camar Brahim, Tahir Zaman, Tang Sheith, Sheihbaz,
Ahmad, Wasim Feroze,
THE NETHERILANDS (probable): F.
Leistra: M. Crucq. M. Bennanga, R.
Kleasemin, H. Koopman, C-J. Depercen, M.
Deliseen J. Brintonan, G. Wetterings, 8.
Veen, E. Parlevillet.

they were hitherto inept. No Pakislan player has the

skill the cunning and the power of Floris Bovelander, who

undermined the confidence of

the Germans by converting two

of these awards, and he could well hold the key to the march.

The Netherlands have so far appeared in two finals. Before

their unsuccessful attempt in

1978, they won the trophy in Amsterdam in 1973 on penalty

strokes, after a draw with India. In the 1986 event in London,

the Dutch failed to reach the semi-finals, after being edged out on goal difference by England and the Soviet Union,

eventually to finish seventh.

This meant they had to take part

in the Inter-continental cup. at Madison, New Jersey, to qual-ify, which they won, defeating

Canada 5-1 in the final.

Leman's 10 years end on quiet note

England...... Soviet Union ...

Richard Leman's 10-year-career as an international player ended here yesterday with a record-breaking 106th appearance for England, whom he led to victory over the Soviet Union for fifth place in the World Cup

However, Leman, who took the free hit from which Clift scored the winning goal in the 32nd minute, made his exit from the international scene on a quiet note, having been re-placed by Garcia in the four-teenth minute of the second

This dreary match, a sharp contrast to the sparkling semi-finals of the previous day, served to underline all the more the difference between the men and the boys as far as this tournament is concerned.

It is easy to remember the only goal that was scored because little else happened in the 70 minutes of play except that the Soviet Union wasted a chance to level the score a couple of minutes before the

Grimley, who accidentally put a foot to a stray ball inside the circle, conceded a short corner which led to a penalty stroke because Bolland also put a foot in the way of a shot by

But Khaltitov, a substitute wing half, had his shot saved for which the crowd was duly grateful, having been spared the prospect of extra time. To the frustrated marksman the sight of the burly Rowlands might have been off-putting; he fills up most of the goal.

Rowlands, however, made two good saves from Deputatov from two short corners awarded having squandered nine, six in the second period.

The dismissal of Sergei Pleshakov, the Soviet centre forward, in the 21st minute of the first half for a dangerous charge on Grimley gave England some advantage but he was back in action by the time the goal WAS ADDOORED. Clift, on receiving Leman's

free hit, was nicely positioned at the top of the circle and his shot was placed beyond the reach of Domashev, the goalkeeper. A strong run by Thompson on

England's left wing in the third minute of the second half raised hopes of better things to come but great expectations were unrealized.

BINGLANDE S Taylor: P Bolland, D Fautener, J Potter, Some Singh, M Grinnley, S Banchelor (auto C Mayer), R Leanen (column), auto R Garbert, S Kerly, R CR (auto J Halley, N Thompson. SOVET UMON: A Dominine: J Ulchier (pub: V Vergesid), S Asspetyen, V Chickmen, V Dissere, V Khologov suite V Khathov, V Ansatov, N Samovesth, V Deputation, S Pleshakov, J Davidov (suite: V See se: P von Reth (Netherlands) and A

An early Ireland goal cannot lead to victory

Lahore — Despite taking the lead in the third minute from a short corner, Ireland lost 4-1 to Argentina when the play-offs for ninth to twelfth places began yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). The Ireland soal, which McConnell scored, was hotly disputed by Argentina, who maintained that the shot was

too high and should, under the rules, have been disallowed.
Yet Argentina then settled into a smooth pattern of play:
Geneyro scored in the 37th minute, and followed with two more goals to put Argentina in a strong position. He scored his second and third goals indirectly from short corners, displaying a feline grace in all his move-ments. Verga scored the fourth goal, three minutes before the

In the same series, India struggled to beat Canada 2-1. Tamkee gave the Canadians the lead in the 32nd minute, from a short corner, but Jude Felix equalized, also from a short

minutes from the end, Pargat Singh, India's right back, sud-denly burst through the Ca-nadian defence to score the

France unexpectedly finished in seventh place, with an excit-ing 4-3 victory over Spain after extra time. Ignacio Escude scored twice for Spain, to bring his total in the tournament to

Spain seemed to be coasting. to victory with a 3-2 lead, but, with most of their players upfield, they left a gap in defence as wide as a prairie, and Chirez raced on to score a brilliant goal and send the match into extra time. Timothe Delavenne scored the winner for France. RESULTS: Play-offs: Fish place: England 1, Sover Umon 0, Seventh place: Spain 3, Franca 4 (after extra time, score at 70 min, 3-3). Minst to twelfth place: India 2, Canada 1; Argentina 4, Ireland 1, TUDAY S FIXTURES: Fluid Holler: India 2 Palkistan, Play-offs: Third place: Wast Germany v Australia. Ninth place: Wast Argentina. Eleventh place: Canada v Ireland.

STUDENT SPORT

Staffordshire lead upsets

By Mark Herbert

Staffordshire Polytechnic's 2-0 win over Brighton, the football champions, led the list of semi-final upsets in Wednesday's Barelays BPSA championships. At Wolverhampton, the victors. against Kingston. They beat the same side 1-0 at Solihull, with who have never won the title.

> ironically - midway through the first half of a defensive game. Tina Cullen and Nicki Hepworth scored two goals each for Liverpool, the champions, as they overcame Brighton 4-0 at Coventry in a repeat of last year's women's final. With eight survivors from last season Liverpool present a formidable obstacle to Sheffield, 4-1 victors

over Hatfield, in the final.

España assault not for the purists

matter where you hit them as

long as you hit them hard and

And Eddie Shaw, the man

who guided Barry McGuigan to world bonours by honing his

natural boxing ability, long ago

gave up trying to make España listen to reason.

But it was noticeable against Marin that España had been

working on his left jab, that his

short punches revealed a new-

often" is his philosophy.

Robert Crutchley scoring the only goal - a penalty stroke.

never won the title, and Sheffield, who won their last championship 10 years ago.

Sheffield at least gained some consolation for last year's semifinal defeat on penalty strokes opponents.

After an early exchange of goals, Leeds led 5-2, then went further ahead from a drive down the left which earned a try for Richard Dunn. Lancaster re-plied four minutes into stoppage time through David Smith's try

Thereafter. Lancaster_fought back, but a drive that finished inches short of the Leeds line left them exposed, and Charles Lingfield swept through for a try. Lancaster's reply, close to time, was a spectacular 60-yard score for David Hardy.

He will be in action next on St

Patrick's night at the Kings Hall.

Belfast, where Dave Macauley

outs his International Boxing

Federation title on the line

against Louis Curtis, who enjoys an official No. 3 United States

And the following month Espana is due in London on the Mike McCallum-Michel Wat-

son world title programme. "He thrives on boxing." Barney Eastwood, his manager, said. "I

am convinced he is world title

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Welsh gloom deepens at representative level

By Michael Stevenson

At a time when Welsh rugby is desperately searching for good news, the scoreline of English Colleges' defeat of Welsh Colleges' defeat of Welsh Colleges (42-7) and the quality of play in Wales' 18 Group's defeat of Welsh Youth at Lianelli on wind the property of the control of the con Wednesday evening (11-4) can only intensify the gloom. The latter match, dominated

by far too much aimless kicking, was generally an undistinguished affair, which ignited briefly in the closing stages. Bad goal-kicking probably cost Welsh Youth whatever chance of victory they possessed. Wintle and Morgan scored tries for the schools and Morgan kicked a penalty. The youth try was scored by Callaghan.

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Nigel Lashbrook, master in charge of rugby at Manchester GS, reports a creditable season with 13 wins from 20 matches. After a defeat by RGS Lancaster (20-3) the side stormed back to defeat the powerful and successful Arnold team.

This was undoubtedly the high spot of the season and, with the size of the Arnold pack in mind, it is the more remarkable that victory came from two pushover tries, touched down by Sankey, the No. 8, RGS then rounded off the season with convincing victory against
Hutton GS (32-10).

The Bishop of Hereford's
Binecoat School enjoyed excellent wins over Wrekin, RGS
Worcester, Christ's Brecon and

vited to take part in a small international tournament to be held near Brescia, in Italy, from

April 8 to 15. Any interested school may contact Phil Smith, of Douai. tel: 0635 62735. Langley Park School from Beckenham will be hosting Selwin House Association School from Quebec in March. This is the third year in succession that the school has bosted a

Canadian touring party.

Steve Holland, formerly of Wasps RFC, writes in his capac-ity as chairman of the Youth Section of the Swedish RU. Anyone interested in touring Sweden at the 14-16 age group is asked to reach him at Idrottens Hus, 12387 Farsta, Sweden.

There were no surprises in the second round of the Ulster Bank Schools' Cup and the quarterfinalists are probably the eight strongest schools in Ulster. strongest schools in Ülster. RESULTS Second round Campbal Cellego 13, The Royal School, Dangarnon, 3. Bellymens Academy 13, The Belliss RA 6. Methodist College 29, Omagh Academy 0; Ballyclare HS 6. Colorates Al 10; Bangor GS 16, Promora 0; Regent House 16. Lorna GS 6; Fovte and Landondony College 6, Walacs HS 12.

OLIATTER FOAL DRAW; Regent House vivides HS; Campbell y RBA; Reynt House vivides HS; Campbell y RBA; Reynt House this college Academy V Bargor GS.

Matches to be played on February 24.

Wincanton 2.0 (2m indis) 1. NIVERNEAD (G Bradiey, 4-7 lay); 2. Polisck; J Lower, 4-1; 3. For Heaver's Sake (D Togo, 25-7). ALSO RAN; 10 Wise Customer (4th), 20 Paradise Park (9th), Young Fact (5th), 25 Colones Grissy, 60 Osar Mm, 100 Bancet, Durcess Idano II, Genbury Joul, Grandangus (pu), Pilar Of Fire (I), Tearful Prince (pu), The Tomidge (pu), Vertigo (I), Mascalis Lady (pu), Bot Zamen, 20 ran, NR; Arden, 6), 3, 20, 71, 193. D Eleverth et Whitsbury, 10te: 21.80; £1.10, £2.00, £3.50. UP; £2.40. SSP; £1.49.

CSF: CJ./9.
2.30 (2m St) 1, ROCK SARRT (J White, 25-1); 2. Tidel Streem (S Smith Eccles, 9-2); 3. Ceeh Criele (S Earle, 25-1), ALSO RAN; 7-2 feer Terrs D Steres (8h); 5 RAN; 7-2 feer Terrs D Steres (8h); 5 Rannagary (5m), 10 Randolph Crescent 20 Termino (pu), Severs Out (I), Green Montle (url, 33 Bryms, 50 Becconside (pu), Foots Pleasane (pu), 14 ran, NR; Problem Chád, 7, 7, 3, 1, 1, 1, Gregson at Shepton Mallet, Toer 250, 1g, 211,80, £1,80, £4,50, DF; 285,40, CSF; 199,51, Thicast; 12,004,42.
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J.D. (2m indie) 1, KRISENSIS (R Dimocody, 4-5 lav: Michael Scely's miscitori; 2, Island Int (C McCourt, 16-It 2, Chaiding Alliande (J Osborne, 4-I). ALSO RAN. 10 Mole Board (I), 12 Floyd (4th), 20 See You Then (I), 500 Geryon, Shacric Boy, 8 ran. NR: Valvoldon, 4, 5, 5, 6, 61 M Stouth at Newsparks. Toler \$1,60, 11,00 p. 17 m. 15 sp. ne. 20 cc. £1 60; £1.10, £1.70, £1.50. OF: £8.00.

3.30 (3m 11 ch) 1, CAVVIES CLOWN IG Braciny, 10-11 testy; 2. Cool Ground (8 Powel, 5-1); 3, Golden Priend (G McCourt, 16-1), ALSO RAN, 9-4 Kildmo (1), 4 cm. 29, 30 (1) Betworth at Whistbury, Total E1.60. OF: 12.60. CSP: D4.93.

4.9 (2m chi 1, Mall 12m) (8 Powel, 2-1): 2, Georgic (M Primen, 5-4 lav), 3, Colea Vennich (Mr B Cilliord, 11-1), ALSO RAN: 12 Bold Kings Husser, 13 Deemess Spools (6h), 18 Rare Bid, 20 Duke Of Hazard (4h), 25 Curry Express, Master Gleason (1), 33 Marmer's Sar (5h), 50 Decreta, Laurenbel, Lucky Fan, Nearpridge (pu), Shore Light, Morning Run (pu), 18 ran, 10, 7, 51, 251, 40 Demort at Wilssbury, Tolk: 12-90, C1, 70, E1-40, E2-20, DF: E2-70, CSF: 24-50.

4.30 (2m hole) 1, NEAGH HOUSE (M Persun, 9-4 fee): 2, Ferrystreem (W NicFerfand, 11-2; 3, Senrystreem (W NicFerfand, 11-2; 3, Senrystreem); 6-1 1, ALSO RAN: 9-2 Utrisdale, 18 Sharp Charter (pu), 12 Buildmark, 14 Lyph (f), 29 Alexandra Katrine, 33 Motor Clook (4th), 50 Barron Two Shees, Cellic Code, Code,

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS On Toby (6th), Pegasus Heights, Salar's Spirit (5th), Stoke Perc, Absent Minds, Mollee, Phoebe Meryll, Rusinge Island, Diana Des. 19 ran. NF: Parmer Bryan. 8, 61, 61, 20, 61. Mrs. J. Pitmen at Upper Lambourn. Toke: 52.76; 21.60, 21.90, 22.80. DF: E10.00. CSF: £14.14.

Folkestone

ROBING Chase: Soft. Hurdin: soft with heavy parches in the straight
1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1. RANDOM TIME (Mr P Hacking, 4-1); 2. Didissent (Mr S Deasley, 12-1); 3. Someondew (Mr N Hacking, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 (first Bill Cornwail (felt), Bonnie Beits (mil), 15-2 Juneau (6th), 12 Record Trout (felt), 20 Neisons Dockyard (pu), 33 Lord Solent (4th), Cray's Ouean (5th), 10 ren, 15-1, 2, 30, 25, 2 Wisching at Rys. Totar Chase \$1,40, 62,00, L2.50, LF: 522-10, CSP: 42-44. 1.45 (2m 100) Holle 1, DUDLEY (K Mooney, 12-1); 2, Tenlente (Peter Hobbs, 10-11 (5v); 3, Akrash Valley (D Gallagher, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Clever Deck (4th), Calichapenny (5th), 12 Personity (6th), 25 Peylins, 50 Johns Jack (ur), Just A Boozer (pu), Cette Serf (pu), 10 ran, 61, 81, 151, 154, 27), F Walnym at Lambourn, Total 5224-0-

£21.81.

2.15 (2m 4f ch) 1. COMANDANTE (Peter Hobbs, 4-11 fev: Private headlcapper's nep): 2. Power Punch (I Lawrence, 20-1); Another Troup (C Uewelyn, 16-1); ALSO RAN: 13-2 Rambling Echo (5m), 14 Final Alma B (fell), 25 Dummes (fell), 33 Hawthern Jacks, 50 Littegood Gambler (pu), Rocky Pri (8th), Terry Jo (4m), 10 ran. NR: Highland Treat. 7, 20, 51, 10, 51, J. Gifford at Finden. Total C. SS: 19.33, 245 (2m 6f hote) 1, Abantal, 2 LEAP 2.50, £1 90 DF: F16.20, CSF: £9.33.
2.45 (2m 6f hdie) 1, ADAMRAL'S LEAP (K Mooney, 4-1); 2, Rivertino (D Murphy, 5-2 ptav); 3, Alphaeotic (M Perren, 11-2); ALP (S PAN, 5-2 ptav Harbour Walk (4p), 8 Perry Well (pu), 50 Saranga Sol (5m), 6 can, MR: Lord Rolle, 2, 8, 12, 8, 5 Wateren at Lambourn, Tore, £5-6, 5-5 oc. Wateryn at Lambourn, Tota: £5.40; £2.90, £1.40, DF: £10.90, CSF: £12.69. \$1.40. DF: \$10.90. CSF: \$12.69.

3.15 (3m 21 cm) 1, SNEAKAPENNY (C Levellyn, 5-1); 2. Cantord Patm (P Scudernore, 9-4); 3. Him Bowte (D Morris, 50-1). ALSO RAN; 13-8 fav Blue Dart (pu), 6 Flb (5m), 16 Martial Commender (4m), 50 Aleden (6m), 7 ran. 41, 151, 101, 201, css. M Wikinston at Benbury, Toth: \$7.10; \$2.90, \$1.90. OF: \$6.90. CSF: \$15.24, 3.46 (2m 41 ch) 1, WHEEL TAPPER (Mr C Farrell, 16-1); 2. Cakthurst Lad (Mr N Hacking, 6-1); 3. Big Declaion (Mr J Trice-Rolph, 5-1). ALSO RAN; 4-5 fav Gree Me A Break (4ar), 14 Sherman Way (pu), 22

Owners Vision (Ser), 25 Excluder (p.g. fo The Know (p.g.), The Equalizer (p.g.), 9 ran. 151, 151, rat. 62, 14 Natistry at Stration of Dri Arch. Total: \$11.10; \$23,00, \$2.30, \$2.30, DF: £27.70, CSF: £97.50. DF: £27.70. CSF: £97.60.
4.15 (2m 100yd hdie) 1. TILT TECH
FLYER (J Leuch, 3-4 fav); 2. Le Chat Neir
(H Davies, 4-1); 3. Legal Tine (A Dicken .
12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Feerless Fighter.
15-2 Final Sound (6th), 10 Northern
Alliance (4th), Mass Fem (5th), 16 Quiet
Riot, 33 Brave Setanta, 50 Second
Mortgage (pu), Castle-Jester (pu), 11 ran.
1½, nk, 3, 144, 151, R Akelnurst at Epsorn.
Tots: £3.10. £1.90, £1.90, £2.20. DF:
£5.80. CSF: £10.97. Tricast: £77.43.
PLACEPOT: Divident-f64.80.

Southwell

3.46 (7) 1. Super One (Alex Greeves. 11-10 tay): 2. Welsy Lad (2-1): 3. Telegraph Celler (5-1). 5 ran. 41, 51, 46, 61. 1 Barron. Tops: 12-20; £1.40, £1.10. DF: 22-50. CSF. £3.79. 22.50. CSF: £3.79.

4.10 (69) 1. Chempion Girl (S Withworth. 17-2): 2. Smāil Fee (7-1): 3. Waveriey Star (8-1): 4. Scottch imp (8-1): 16 ran. 2. shid. 191. rd. A. Bauley. Tote: £13.10: £20.0. £2.40. £1.70. £1.70. DF: £28.60. CSF: £74.00. Tricast: £316.09.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1. Come To Terms (Alec Graves, 4-1): 2. Doter Seeker (7-1): 3. Coquets (16-1). 8 ran. ½1. 3. ½1. 3. ½1. 7. Barron. Tote: £5.10: £1.50. £2.10. £2.40. £1.50. £2.50. £1.0. £2.40. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £3.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. £1.5

PLACEPOT: DWISSON DET. M. Charlie Nelson and William Hastings-Bass, both successful at Cagnes-sur-Mer last week, will each be represented in the Prix des Anenomes at the course today. Nelson saddles Double Encore while Hastings-Bass runs Montpelier Lad.

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Promising Royal Athlete can provide Cheltenham pointer

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Royal Athlete, Toureen Prince, Forest Sun and Three Counties all in action at Kempton Park today, visitors to the Sunbury track should be able to pick up some useful pointers for the fast-approaching National Hunt Festival at

Royal Athlete and Toureen nce, who both have the Sun Alliance Chase as their declared objective, clash in the Manor Novices' Chase.

In going nap on Royal Athlete to extend not only his but also Jenny Pitman's fine run, I am mindful that he was arguably better than Tourcen Prince over hurdles.

Royal Athlete captured a valuable race at Ascot in December since when his before and after his sale. transformation into a chaser has preceded without a hitch should not disappoint on this at Leicester, Newton Abbot occasion, but on belance and Ascot, where he has won Royal Athlete appeals more.

In contrast, Toureen Prince had his problems in Ireland towards the end of last year before joining Henrietta Knight's Wantage stable in Typically, that renowned

horsewoman had got them well and truly ironed out by the time that Toureen Prince ran for the first time for his new owner Paul Stamp at Nottingham 11 days ago. But with Rifle Range unable to run at the last minute, that race basically told us little that

we did not know about Toureen Prince already. Beforehand, his trainer had intimated that he would be better for the run as he had been let down for a bit both

In the circumstances, he

Novices Hurdle qualifier.

last seen winning, at Sandown lower league.

their alternative option at route to Cheltenham.

A clean-winded horse, capable of giving of his best first he has enjoyed a long and time out. Three Counties profitable association with the ought to beat King Neon, who at Fakenham a week ago. As far as the Port Lane

Handicap Chase is concerned,

Earlier in the programme, Stan Mellor's Grand National Forest Sun has his warm-up entry Zuko, who has been in for Cheltenham in the EBF unstoppable form of late. entry Zuke, who has been in unstoppable form of late.

Elsewhere, his stable companion Rubika can take Even allowing for the fact companion Rubika can take that he has suffered from a full advantage of the late throat infection since he was decision not to send Three Counties to Kelso and the early in January, it will be subsequent weight rise by disappointing if he fails now winning the Hamilton Mewhen his opposition looks in a morial Chase for amateur riders.

Three Counties and Kate
Rimell, the heroes of last
year's Christies Foxhunters' Jinxy Jack (3.0) and
Chase, take in the Corinthian
Hunters' Chase instead of Richards.

No one will be keener than Kelso this afternoon, again en the Penrith trainer to win the Edinburgh Woollen Mill Nov-ices Chase with Highfrith as profitable association with the sponsors as trainer and owner. cut little ice against Perroquet In Highfrith, who has been rested since winning her fifth race in succession at Newcastle in December, he

3.15 LITTLETON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,763: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

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Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Forest Sun. 2.45 ROYAL ATHLETE (nap).

3.45 Zuko. 4.15 Three Counties. 4.45 Lypheoric.

By Michael Seely 2.45 Royal Athlete, 4,15 Provide The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 LYPHEORIC. Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Three Counties.

Guide to our in-line racecard

113143 6000 TIMES 13 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) S Hall 12-0... Racecard number. Six-figure form (F - felt.
P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. S - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused.
D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: if first. (B - binkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V - visor. H - hood. E - Speshield. C - course plus any allowance. The Times Private Manner, D - distance winner. GD - course and

2.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,596: 2m) (22 runners)

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8-6 NO BONGS ST (J O'Nell) D Misrary Smith 6-11-0
9 SMARE 17 (6 Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-0
1-8 SPIRIT OF KIERES 23 (BF,S) (A Negl) Mrs J Pinner 5-11-0
THE MICKLEBUCK 14 (Mrs C Dicke) R Dicke 5-11-0
THESS (Lord Matthews) Mrs S Armysings 6-11-0
WHISTLE BLOWER (Mrs G Monte-Adems) Mise M Knight 5-1
QU GOLDEN SIMBIER 7 (J Whelen) P Hodger 7-10-9
8 WICKET 17 (J Williamen) M Williamed 5-10-9 M Southy D Merphy M Planes

BETTING: 4-11. Forest Sun, 11-2 Corbit's Diemond, 13-2 Spirit of Kibris, 9-1 Fidney, 12-1 Ners Point,

1982: ALEICHNE 5-11-10 M Plimen (1-5 tor) Mrs J Plimen 9 min

FORM FOCUS FOREST SUM has a good style and should remaps the concession of 100se to this field; quickened up well when issenting Albail 6I at Sandown (2m, good). Ho Sonus Jakiel 6I at Sandown (2m, good). Dick of John Gallor, good to first jamin showed promise on hurdes debut when 1554 6th of 13 to 1

2.45 MANOR NOVICES CHASE (23,314: 3m) (12 runners)

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3.0 MOREBATTLE HURDLE (\$4,503: 2m) (8 runners)

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Selection: COMORTH PARK.

KELSO Selections

By Mandarin

4.00 Ambuscade. 2.00 Mr Boston. 4.30 Call Collect. 3.00 Jinxy Jack. 5.00 Over The Styx. Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 PAST GLORIES (nap).

Brian Beel's selection: Call Collect.

Going: soft 2.0 SMAILHOLM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,828: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1-831P GARRY CODER 14 (SF.F.S) (W Sincit) J Johnson 6-11-6
433-001 ROYAL INVAIDER 14 (S) (R Dods) R Dods 6-11-6
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SO(P) MARTIN C'SHALINESSY 14 (I Guise) A Fowler 7-11-0
RARROWWATER CASTLE (R Cadoret) M Avison 7-11-0
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0 SUNSET CRUSE 59 (H Hogarit) D Lee 5-10-12 R Hodge (7)
208-06 GONE ASTRAY 30 (Airs F Walton) F Walton 5-10-7 T Reed
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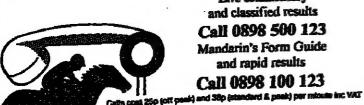
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EETTING: 13-8 Rivemot, 7-2 Rubika, 9-2 Sicilian Answer, 7-1 Paddy Hayton, 9-1 Reher's Lad. 1989: PAMPERING 8-10-0 J Beardsell (16-1) J Brockbank 7 ran

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1 9-12215 JBDTY JACK 13 (D,Q,S) (litts B Motlinney) G Richards 6-11-11.
2 0-20035 SAYPARIEE 41 (D,Q,S) (E Scarth) J J O'Yesii 5-11-11.
3 61-3438 CASUAL PASS 13 (CD,F,S) LI Walter) T Curriowi 7-11-5.
5 8-15-00 EQUATOR 13 (CD,S) (J Blacklock) J Haidanes 7-11-5.
6 8041 MOMENT OF TRUTH 14 (D,S) (P Purcell) P Mocleith 6-11-5.
7 04-3905 PAST GLORIES 34 (D,S) (N Hetherston) D Lao 8-11-5.
8 3113309 TEWIT CASTLE 384 (F,S) LI Richardson) D Lao 8-11-5. BETTING: 2-1 Jiroy Jack, 11-4 Past Glories, 4-1 Saypanes, 5-1 Clay County, 8-1 Moment Of Truth, 12-1 Cesual Pass, 14-1 Others. 1989: BLAZING WALKER 5-11-5 A Merrigan (9-4) W A Stephenson 7 ran 3.30 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL NOVICES CHASE (£3,080: 2m 6f) (8 runners) 1 PP-1322 GREEN TO/S 28 (4.9) (K Harson) M Avison 6-11-6
2 UB-144P HODDAM SHING 63 (F) (D Scott) D Scott 11-11-8
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6 URQUIP GRANNY'S PRAYER 17 (F,A,S) (P Hoptics) J J O'Nell 9-11-5
7 084-5 SUPER FOUNTAIN 21 (Mrs F Wilton) F Wilton 7-11-0
8 00-P00U ROYAL TRIBUTE 13 (B RUDIE) N Cramberials 5-10-10 R Supple — B Storey 17 BETTING: 10-11 Hightitin, 3-1 Wrekin HE, 5-1 Super Fountain, 7-1 Green Tops, 9-1 Dubelee, 12-1 1988: DIVINE PROBLEM 7-11-1 J C'Gorman (6-1) W A Stephanson 16 ran ALD HENNIESSY COGNAC KELSO SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,831: 2m) (8 1988: BRIGHT AISLE 4-11-4 G McCourt (7-4 fev) N Tinider 15 rat 4.30 CESSFORD HUNTERS CHASE (Ameteurs: £1,492: 3m) (4 runners) BETTING: 1-4 Call Collect, 6-1 Dougles Brig, 8-1 Flot latend, 12-1 Klampo. 1980: HELMARIA S-11-4 Mr J Dun (11-4) T Delgaty 7 ran

5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,800: 2m) (22 runners)

SETTING: 5-2 Halborough, 7-2 Barney O'Hall, 5-1 Skittle Alley, Dusty Miller, 7-1 Over The Styx, 9-1 Doep Legand, 11-1 Granery Grain, 14-1 others. 1980: REJORAJS 4-10-10 R Falley (12-1) A Shiringar 22 ran

Impressive Kribensis issues timely Champion reminder

Beech Road dominates the feels the race will bring him on comes up very soft. Do we run champion Hurdle picture, but 10lb so we'll go to Haydock for and risk undoing so much good Kribensis's victory at the De Vere Hotels Hurdle next work?"

Wincanton yesterday was a week before Cheltenham."

The rest of the day belonged Wincanton yesterday was a timely reminder that it will be far from a one-horse race.

In a strongly-contested and strongly-run Kingwell Hurdle, Richard Dunwoody was content to bide his time on Kribensis until producing him to lead approaching two out. Dunwoody asked Kribensis to assert his authority, and the question immediately drew the question immediately drew the right answer as the grey accel-erated clear to beat the staying-on Island Set by four lengths.

Cruising Altitude, prominent to the turn for home, drifted across the track to race on the stands rails, effectively forfeit-

ing his chance and relegating him to third, another five lengths away. see You Then, ridden more aggressively and showing more enthusiasm than when a distant sixth at Nottingham on Saturday, was in the thick of the action until falling two out as be began to weaken. He then added insult to injury by treading on insult to injury by treading on his prostrate jockey Steve Smith

Eccles. The bookmakers were uni-formly impressed by Kribensis, all of them trimming his Champion Hurdle price. The 4-1 on offer with Ladbrokes is the best

remaining.
"He is much stronger this year and his preparation has gone well," Michael Stoute, his trainer, said. "Last year I was worried about him getting home at Cheltenham and, while I have the greatest respect for Beech Road, Kribensis will go to the Champion a tougher horse than

a year ago."
Kevin Morgan is also expecting a bold show from Island Set.
"He's always been difficult to get fit at home and needs competitive racing to sharpen him up.

"He's come on plenty since he ran in Ireland and I expect him

to show similar improvement from today. Graham McCourt

Cruising Altitude also remains on course for the Champion. "He wasn't quite as forward as I thought and he blew up badly two out." Oliver Sherwood said. "He wasn't helped either by running right-handed today, he's much better going the other way round, which is why he drifted across the track in the straight.

"He'll still go to Cheltenham, but really he's a chaser," added Sherwood, who also offered a long-term prediction: "Whatever happens this time, he'll win the Arkle Chase next year."

Nicky Henderson was pleased with See You Then's improved showing and still has an attempt at a fourth Champion Hurdle win on his agenda. "He did so little at Nottingham you have to class this as his first run," Henderson said. "He seems well enough after the fall but he did the splits and that's always a bit worrying. We'll know more

tomorrow.

"Provisionally, he'll go to
Cheltenham but ideally he
needs another race. I wouldn't rule out the Haydock race but it would be a real dilemma if it

to David Elsworth who com-pleted a treble with Riverhead, Cavvies Clown and Mallypha. Cavvies Clown, a comfortable winner of the Jim Ford Chase on his first run for almost a year, delighted Elsworth "It was the delighted Elsworth. "It was the manner of his success which was particularly pleasing." Elsworth said. "He really committed himself and jumped well, much better than when he won the race last season. He's been giving us the right signals since before Christmas but then he

started coughing so we gave him some more time. "But he's right back to his best of a couple of seasons ago, and now we'll go for the Gold Cup. Graham Bradley will keep the

Riverhead had little trouble winning the DMA Business Systems Novices Hurdle and will also be on duty at Cheltenham, in his case, in the Water-ford Supreme Novices Hurdle.

Riverhead is not now certain to run in the Lincoln on the Flat as his participation there will depend on having soft ground and how he comes out of his Cheltenham race.

Expansion is SIS priority

10 per cent holding in Satellite Information Services has been valued at £11 million, following the news that Racal Electronics and MAI have taken up the shareholding placement in the bookmaker-backed company.

The major bookmakers' holdwith the Tete retaining five per cent of the share capital. Chris-topher Steddart, managing director of SIS, said: "The news

The financial year ending in

March will yield copyright revences to racecourses in excess of £7 million, and a projected £8 million for the following 12

While SIS will be exploring new commercial opportunities, Stoddart emphasised that further expans can make further progress in developing opportunities to market our racing product world-wide and, on a selective basis, to import racing from abroad."

8 JANE MARPLE 1028F C Wood 8-10-13... D Gallegher 9 004 NCGUIGAN 87 (2) 8 Byford 8-10-13...... G Martin 10 0040 MBS MAGIC 23 F Wainlyn 5-10-13...... R Chapman

11-4 Bahrain Bridge, 3-1 Thirty First, 9-2 Rose Of Per 15-2 John O'Des, 9-1 Go Nobley, Miles Maoic, 12-1 Ashma

3.10 GREAT EXPECTATIONS HANDICAP HURDLE (P2,005: 2m 4f) (11)

1 1201 MEN OF YORKENERE 8 (C) D Grissol 7-12-1 (Yes)

9-4 Men of Yorkshire, 10-3 Oxymeron, 8-1 Longhurst, Tropical Met, 10-1 Bickerman, 12-1 Connemers Dewn.

3.40 DAVID COPPERFIELD NOVICES HANDICAP

1 1F11 SING THE BLUES 9 (CD) C Bensteed 8-12-3 (Fest) Dale McK

10-11 Sing The Blues, 5-2 Clopton, 5-1 Draw Lots, 12-1 Obee Fast, 16-1 Sharp'n Shire, 25-1 others.

4.10 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY HANDICAP HURDLE

1 13PO DISTANT RELATION 4 (IL/CO/G) K C-Brown 5-12-0

2 9815 SOLITARY REAPER 23 (CD) Miss B Sanders 5-17-6

3 BOS2 NOBBY 14 J FRon-Hoyes 4-10-7 R Goldstein 4 -222 GENERAL SLKY 39 P Davis 5-10-5 S Keightley 5 -990 EASTERN EVERHING 4 J Long 5-10-1 R Rowell 7-4 General SBKy, 15-8 Nobby, 4-1 Soltany Resper, 15-2 Distant Relation, 12-1 Eastern Evening.

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TIVAINEPRO: Miss B Sanders, 9 winners from 24 runners, 37.5%; J. Jenkins, 10 from 64, 15.6%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: Dale McKeown, 25 wirmers from 73 ridge, 34.2%; J Froet, 4 from 21, 19.0%; M Ahern, 4 from 24, 16.7%; I Shoemark, 4 from 26, 15.4%; H Devies, 10 from 84, 11.9%. (Only qualifiers).

HURDLE (£1,604: 2m) (7)

(£1,610: 2m) (5)

2 8P1P TROPICAL NEST 38 (D.F.S) G Ham 10-11-13 Mr S Bu S R294 TAKE NO TRASH 32 (BF.S) B Dyford 9-11-10 G Martin 4 224F CONNEMARA OAWN 53 (F.S) R Hotour 6-11-3 Bir A Ferrant (T)

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LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 1.40 Deemster Willow. 2.10 Penllyne's Pride. 2.40 Thirty First. 3.10 Men Of Yorkshire. 3.40 Sing The Blues. 4.10 Nobby.

1.40 BLEAK HOUSE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,492: 2m 2f) (4 runners) 1 0003 BALLAD RULER 14 P Printered 11-1 \$ J CYNER, 2 00 CREETT SF Dr J Scarge 10-11 \$ Woode CREET SF Dr J Scarge 10-14 \$ Woode CREET AWAYDRY 9 J Speering 10-4 \$ Woode CREET AWAYDRY 9 J Speering 10-5 A Charles (S)

11-8 Decretor Willow, 2-1 Sukey Tawdry, 3-1 Ballad Puler, 7-1 Orest. 2.10 BARNABY RUDGE SELLING HANDICAP

HURDLE (£1,702: 2m) (14) 1 0006 CUT A CAPER 23 (D,F,Q,S) R O'Sullivan 8-11-10 2 2021 INDIAN STREAM 4 (CD) J Bradby 6-11-4 (7ss)

8 3416 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 7 (B.D.F.O) H Jucine 9-10 4 88P- HI-TECH HOY 312F (D.G.S) T Halles 8-10-8... A Well 5 3044 VICENOY MAJOR 42 N Thomson 7-10-5

2.40 HARD TIMES NOVICES HURDLE (£1,694: 2m

4 GST- ASHMAE 280 A Nerves 8-11-4 R Goldstein 5 G-PF MOHASTIC CALM 11 P Devis 6-11-4 Repose (7) 6 GZ THRTY FIRST 7 (BF) J Dunlop 5-11-4 Ger Lyone (3) 7 6681 GO NOBLEY 4 (CD) T Trompon Jones 4-11-0 H Devise

Flying Ace's career in jeopardy after setback

The racing future of prolific hunter chase winner Flying Ace is hanging in the balance. The 14-year-old veteran of 90 races trailed in last behind Mystic Music a week ago at Edinburgh when a fetlock injury, which troubled him last season, flared up again.

Owner-trainer Adam Calder is treating the injury, but admits that Flying Ace may not run in

hunter chases again.

Calder sand yesterday: "He certainly won't run for a month while we treat the injury but it is too early to say that he has retired."

"He may well not be seen again in hunter chases this season but he could continue to

race in point-to-points." Flying Ace, born and bred on the Calder's Berwickshire farm, Time. has won 54 races in his career -31 point-to-points and 23 hunter chases - and has been narrnered in all but one of those victories by Doreen Calder.

Royal double Veteran Lambourn trainer

Falke Walwyn gave the Queen
Mother a winning double at
Folkestone yesterday with Dudley and Admiral's Leap. Both were ridden by Kevin Mooney.

An extremely safe jumper, he had completed 31 times of utively before pulling up for the first time ever on his seventieth outing.

ion of the Tenterden Hunters Chase at Folkestone yes when the runner-up Didiscent collapsed and died of a heart attack in the unsaddling enclosure. The winner was Random

Carl Liewellyn, who has recently recovered from hepatitis. made a winning return on Mark Wilkinson's Sneakapenny in the Gay Record Challenge Trophy **Racephone POINT TO POINT LINE** 0898 500 119 Entries, previews, results + exclusive rating service CALLS COST 250 CHEAP 380 OTHER TIMES PER WINDYE INC VAT BROADSYSTEM LTD LONDON NWI BAP



Jordan in balancing act with players

From Andrew Longmore Cennis Correspondent

Back in his headquarters in Florida, Hamilton Jordan, chief xecutive of the new ATP tour, must be reflecting that politics was not quite such a dirty

Already, after just 53 days in charge of the brave new world of tennis, the former White House chief-of-staff has been criticized for not going to enough tournaments, for trying to turn the players into robots, for presiding over a communist regime of press censorship, for making the top players play too much and the rank-and-file play too little.

the rank-and-file play too little. Rule No. 1 of tennis administration has been well learned: you cannot please all the players even half the time.

"Of the top 100, maybe 95 think that we are doing a pretty solid job so far," Jordan counters. "In a perfect world, it would be all 100, but we have to balance a lot of different interests — sponsors, tournament terests — sponsors, tournament directors, top players, middle and lower ranked players — and much of the reaction we have rad from early tournaments has

en very positive." The problem for Jordan and ATP is that the two most efferous critics also happen to be two of the most powerful, namely John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl, Earlier this week, Lendl was upset at being told what not to say at a press conference, while in Philadelphia, before he was knocked out in the first round by Richey Reneberg, McEnroe complained that he ad not seen Jordan in six weeks

"We have a fairly big business to look after here." Jordan replies, "Criticism goes with the job. If you asked Agassi or Edberg or Wilander, I think you would find them very

Supportive."
The players should be The players should be supportive, of course; way back in the pioneer days of 1988 they signed a contract which set out the principles and the goals of the new tour. As those have largely been realized, Jordan says, there should be no surprise at the way the show has turned.

Unfortunately, it is not quite at simple. At the time, many players were concerned be amount they would ave to play, a concern which er, in particular, has voiced nsistently over the past year. More recently, the new code conduct has come under scrutiny, McEnroe being its most celebrated victim in Australia, and Becker very nearly following him off court here during his first round match in the Stuttgart Eurocard Classics. The complaint is that the rules, formulated by the players themselves through their own Players' Council, are being interpreted too strictly.

Becker had a point. He was warned for gently hitting the ball into the crowd and was just one step away from default when he threw his racket on the ground in anger. The incident prompted a lengthy treatise by the tournament supervisor, Ed Hardisty, on the various, acceptable, ways of throwing a racket under the ATP tour guidelines.

Becker was thoroughly wellbehaved yesterday, though he struggled to a three-set victory over the Soviet player, Alex Volkov. Becker now meets an old rival, Miloslav Mecir, in the quarter-finals. But the two main surprises of the day were the victory of the Fina, Aki Rahunen, over Amos Mansdorf and the defeat of Yannick Noah, the No. 3 seed, by Jones Svensson. At least Noah did not blame his defeat on Jordan.

RESULTS: First round: P Came (ft) bt J Hassh (Switz), 6-4, 7-5; I Lend (C2) bt O Camporese (ft), 6-4, 6-2; H Stoff (Austria) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-2, 1-5, 6-3; P Kufreen (WG) bt M Strelbe (C2, 6-1, 6-2, Second round: J Svensson (Swe) bt Y Nosh (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; A Rahunen (Fri) bt A Manadori (isr), 6-2, 6-4; B Becker (WG) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

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FOOTBALL: ITALY'S DEFENSIVE DISPLAY IN ROTTERDAM OFFERS LITTLE PROMISE OF EXCITEMENT TO COME IN THE WORLD CUP FINALS The Dutch discover the negative spirit of Gentile lives on

It is a possibility, if you can bring yourself to contemplate such a farcical prospect, that could be won without scoring a goal. The team to do it is Italy: three goalless draws, followed by another four, determined on penalty shoot-

The Italians have just re-confirmed, in their goalless friendly against The Netherlands in Rotterdam, their mastery of the negative game, brilliantly awful at preventing other people, even Marco van Basten, from playing, at the expense of being creative themselves

It is symptomatic of the Italian mentality that as Azeglio Vicini, their manager, was quite content afterwards of his team having failed to score for the fourth time in five matches; saying, in de-fence of them, that they had played difficult matches, against Brazil (0-1), Algeria (1-0), England (0-0) and Argen-

That is, seemingly, the second best achievement in Italian football: the virtue of remaining inviolable being given deep Freudian relevance by Desmond Morris, author of The Naked Ape.

"I'm very happy with our defence," Vicini said, with the satisfied air of a man who would rather his wife's jeweis were locked in the bank than round her neck. The fact that Italy did not have a single shot at goal in 90 minutes did not

were without Vialli, of Samp-doria, their leading inter-national scorer, who has 11 goals in - wait for it - 42 matches. Also absent, against a Dutch team at full strength, but for Gullit, were Baresi, possibly the world's most fluent sweeper, and Donadoni, in midfield. This gives Vicini some slight cause

to feel pleased in the event; yet here was a match in which the three-pass retreat back to the goalkeeper was almost Enzo Bearzot, Vicini's

predecessor, who, in his years as manager from 1976 to 1982, looked so careworn that he might have been serving six years on Devil's Island, likewise thinks Italy performed well: which disappoints me. It is to be expected that

Oman surprise UAE

Kawait (AP) — The United Arab Emirates, who have qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time, were yesterday held to a 1-1 by unfancied Oman in the Gulf

Just four mouths before the Emirates make their bow in Italy, their Polish coach, Ber-nard Blaut, was disappointed by their display. "I have never seen my team play this kind of football before . . . We missed at least five open chances."

Blant, who took over in January from the Braziliau, Mario Zagalo, who was dismissed by the UAE Football Association, partly blamed an uneven pitch for the loss. He also said that he

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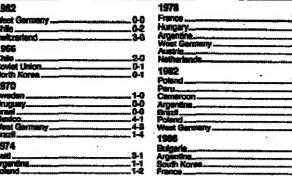
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Zuhair Bakhit, was unwell, therefore we had to shuffle the

Oman scored their goal in the 29th minute, when Zaher Salim took an indirect kick from 30 yards and Hilal Hamoud headed the ball which hit the knees of the UAE goalkeeper, Mohsin

the substitute, Fahad Khamis,
"To take a point away from
the team going to Italy for the
World Cup finals is a great
achievement for us," Patzke

ITALY'S GOALS IN FINALS



professionals are expedient in their attitudes, yet Bearzot, for a few years, transformed the Italian mentality, freeing their football, and he was unfortunate that his relatively adventurous team of 1978, beating Argentina, the even-tual winners, in the first round, did not reach the final. Brazil's waywardness in 1982 let Bearzot's side move through towards final victory. "You wait and see," Bearzot

said cautiously afterwards, as the Italian team strolled around their hotel, peacock-proud, in their silver-andgreen designer tracksuits. "We will be a good side by June. We are very quick in defence, and Vialli - he is unlike many Italian forwards, very strong and direct. Donadoni is maybe the key — our rapid link between defence and attack. But you are right . . . there will not be many goals. Not from anyone."

Bearzot considers that Brazil, with their new sweeper m, will also be looking for a single goal as the answer to any match. Should this indeed be so, the World Cup will, more than ever, need the vigilance and discipline of strict referees, rather than the ineffectual Biguet, of France, who on Wednesday night was intolerably permissive.

There was general agreement among reporters from many nations at Rotterdam that this year's World Cup is likely to recede to the negative pattern of 1982, following the comparative freedom of 1986. in Mexico, where altitude and heat restricted the frenzied running and closing down which now characterized Italy's tactics.

There were times when van Basten received the ball that, searching for a colleague or a pass, he found himself among a sea of azure shirts, one against six. It seemed to be the ambition of every Italian to

line up," the coach said. "I don't know and can't explain why our boys played such bad football."

As Oman's West German coach, Bernd Patzke, expected, the UAE came back with force in the second half, grabbing the initiative and scoring the equal-izer in the 58th minute through

emulate Gentile, rather than to be another Antognoni; or even a Causio or a Conti.

There was a Dutch journal ist forecasting that Italy could opening round in their group with Austria, Czechoslovakia and the United States; though, I would expect the hosts, at worst, to gain two goalless draws and a victory over the US. If so, and should Austria and Czechoslovakia draw their match and each beat the US, there would be three teams with four points, and goal difference would decide. Analysis of the past seven

final competitions, since the game started to go compulreveals that in 32 matches Italy have failed to score nine times, and scored only once 11 times. It is not a background which bodes well for an exciting summer, and with the intensity of home support, similar to that in past finals in Argentina and Spain, the pres-sure on referees will be

So too will it be on other teams. The mood is infec-tious. If one side knows that if the opposition - Italy, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil - gets one goal in front, there will be little chance to recover, and they too become ultra-careful. What was clear was that without Gullit, The

Netherlands are not the same force. Van Basten, in 1988, was the foil to Gullit's extraordinary elusiveness, his ability to draw defenders out of position all over the pitch and to make space for others; and, under the unwavering atten-tion of Vierchowod, van Basten had a lean time. I felt it was uncharitable of de Ruiter, deputy manager of the Dutch, standing in for the convalescent Thijs Libregts, to suggest that van Basten was

disappointing".
The Netherlands tried all they knew to unlock Italy's man-for-man marking in both midfield and defence. Indeed, we regularly saw the ultimate in tactical invention: running off the ball to create a pass towards your own goal away from the blockade of defenders around the other penalty area.

I do not wish to be enduringly pessimistic about England's chances, but the level of ball control of both Italy and The Netherlands, even in a frustratingly closed match. was on such a high plane, compared with what we see in the Football League, that it must be likely that England, against the better teams, will make mistakes one-againstone, that can so often be a team's downfall.

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The Caledonian glory trail

By Roddy Forsyth

Since the beginning of February, the north of Scotland has been buttered by storms of an intensity which would trigger a state of emergency in the Home Counties, and the low ground between the Monadhliath Mountains and the Cairngorus, close by the ski slowes at close by the ski slopes Avienore, has become a flo plain, disrupting the hundred miles of read and rail links between Inversess and Perth.

Accordingly, Peter Corbett has had to be flexible when arranging meetings with his many visitors of the past week or two. "If you find you are running late," he advises, "just give us a call on your car phone. You do have a car phone, don't you? All the boys from the south seem to the boys from the south seem to In Corbett's terms of ref-

erence, the south means the central belt of Scotland, and the boys are the media supp who have travelled north in packs to meet the manager of Inverness Caledonian, since his players knocked Airdrie, the ers of the first division, out ttish FA Cup after two

In the first match at Airdrie, only a goal in injury time by the home side took the tie to a replay, and the Highlanders progressed in the second game, thanks to a remarkable save by their goalkeeper, Hamish Morrison, in the sudden-death ses-sion of penalty kicks which

The defeat of Airdrie has

day resulted in draws, and at Goodison Park, Everton were in

off three minutes into the second half. Everton were al-ways struggling, and although Sheedy equalized from the pen-

alty spot. after Marshall gave Oldham the lead in extra time, they will not relish a return to

the Boundary Park plastic for

next Wednesday's replay. The winners will meet Aston Villa.

Liverpool should discover

their sixth round opponents on

Monday night when Oueens

RUGBY LEAGUE

board took a grip on the

situation, help was given - both financial and advisory - and a

newly constituted officialdom in France managed to haul the sport to its feet.

French rugby league still

struggles to attract big crowds, to get media attention and to

overcome the violently aggressive attitude of the French Rugby Union under Albert Ferrasse, its volatile president. Nevertheless, the crowds are

surdly low levels, a television

contract has been signed with

ellite and cable company and Louis Bonnery, the national director of coaching, believes that rugby a treize eventually

Taking bold measures the

French rugby league are to change the championship sys-

tem. Two divisions are out and there will be a pool system of

five pools of four teams each,

eventually leading to a revised

divisional structure. It is hoped

that the system will provide

creensport, the European sat-

tomorrow, they will proceed to the quarter-finals of the Cup for the first time since they were founded in 1886. The last High-land League side to get so far was Elgin City, ultimately heaten 2-1, by Morton, in 1968. format of the premier division.
"Aye, well we're used to that whenever we get a decent result in the Cup," Corbett said this week, after yet another prolonged photograph session at Telford Street Park, Caledo

full-time job dealing with the press and media, quite subelievable actually, but at the same time it's something we enjoy. The publicity is good publicity, and we hope it will get our name mentioned down south." Corbett, who doubles as the cial manager of Caledo-

nian, hopes the club will be mentioned specifically within League. A standing application for membership from Inverness for some years now, and there is a growing feeling in football circles north of the border that est a serious case for

Yet a casual survey of the club's credentials is not, at first sight, encouraging. Last Satarday's league fixture, against Deveronvale, drew a crowd which scarcely exceeded 300,

By Louise Taylor

goalless draw in west London.

will replay again on Monday, with a home tie against

Manchester United awaiting the

winners, following their 0-0 draw. Cambridge United, of the fourth division, seemed on the

verge of beating Bristol City, the

third division leaders, when

they took the lead through Dublin 34 seconds into extra time. However, Taylor equalized almost immediately,

centive for poorer and weaker clubs to strengthen their chall-

On the playing field France

have two international matches against Great Britain, at Per-

pignan and the return at Wigan,

and will undertake a three-week

tour of Australia in June which

will include a World Cup match in New South Wales.

Sponsorship has been virtu-

ally non-existent in recent years.

but there are signs that, with increased exposure on tele-

vision, sponsors are ready to

it is important for rugby

league in every playing nation that the France v Great Britain

match is not a one-sided massa-cre. Such a result would in the

short term seem good for British rugby, but in the long term

another slump by France would weaken the world game.

Yet the dilemma exists for British officials. If France per-

form so well at Perpignan or

Wigan that they produce a surprise victory, the British

Barnsley and Sheffield United

Remarkably all four FA Cup fifth round replays on Wednesday resulted in draws, and at Loftus Road, after Wednesday's

will proceed to doesn't pay the bills," Corbett said. "It costs as around 290,000 of Wigan Athletic, and, more a year to run the club, quite a lot considering the rewards to be had in the Highland League, which are not high, either in sponsorskip or for winning trohies. We have a social club, close to the town centre, has bad Inspired by Nat Lofthouse otland five years ago, Corbett

week and are rewarded with a prize draw, which will pay out £103,000 this year, as well as discounts from numerous shops "Yes, we do fancy ourselves. Obviously, having beaten Air-drie in the last round, we now It is a fertile operation, but the manager admits to doubt. "The commercial set-up brings in most of the money for the club to get by, but it's an awful lot of

money and there are times when we think, can we do anything more in the Highland League? go nowhere, you get no promo-tion or real increase in money else to give us a boost." Scottish League, that something must come from the Scottish

less the prospect of making club history than the substantial bonus of a incrative meeting with of a memorable achievement; if Inverness Thistie tends not to overcome Stirling Albion, and they should beat Stirling Albion attract more than 2,000. "That one of the key Inverness players

and the sides meet again at

Cambridge, on Monday.
Goals by Dixon and Kevin

Wilson at Selhurst Park pro-

vided Chelsea with a two-goal cushion to carry into next

Wednesday's southern area final second leg of the Zenith Data

Systems Cup. If they beat Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea will meet Middlesbrough at Wembley

next month.
Aston Villa went two points

clear of Liverpool at the top of

the first divison, after beating Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 at White Hart Lane.

Everton saved by Sheedy's penalty Bangor oblige

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his staff flung open the front and rear doors to allow the gale an unhindered passage.

In the subsequent bull, he ssessed Caledonian's chances

feel that we're the equal of the second division clubs. Admit-tedly, we had to play very well

a bit of luck in the first game, in particular, but we would say that

we have a very good chance in

"On the other hand, when we played Airdrie, I got the im-pression that they felt they were

going to win in the end, whereas I think Stirling Albion are going

set of players is in it for the cash. Stirling leavely pay more than Caledonian, whose men are on a £12 basic, although there will be

a little something extra for a cup quarter-final place. "Beer mency," Urushart said. "Aye,

to be as fired up as we are.

ast Airdrie and we did carry

impressive confidence.

for cup clash Bangor were faced with meeting Portadown, the league leaders, in the Bass Irish Cup quarterfinals if they overcame Distill-ery in the sixth round tie at Clandeboye Park. They duly made no mistake, winning 4-0 (George Ace writes).
Linfield travel to Larne,

beaten in two of the last three finals. But Lindsay McKeown, acting skipper last Saturday, said: "All our best performances have been away from home this season. OUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Newry Town v Gientoran; Portadown v Bangor; Bambridge Town v Coleraine; Larne v

Matches to be played on Merch 10.

HOCKEY

By Joyce Whitehead

The South turned the tables on the North, the winners last year, in Bodmin last weekend, winning the national under-18 men's territorial tournament by a point from them. Claire Jarvis, of Berkshire, scored four of the eight goals for

the South and was the leading goalscorer of the tournament. She scored in each of the three matches South won, against West, Midlands and East. South were in unbeatable form on the first two days before the North dominated the South and provided them with their

only defeat. The Midlands fin-ished third, ahead of East and The final trials for England

championships, which start in Groningen, The Netherlands, today (a Special Correspondent Swansea and Calor Randalstown of Northern Ire-

winning their national titles. recently failed to regain their national titles. The respective captains, Wendy Fraser and Jo Thompson, believe that their teams can improve their play this weekend. Slough, who have been in

impressive form and are fa-voured to win the outdoor

Round deal

Paul Round, the Oldham rugby ague forward, who is wanted by the champions, Widnes, is staying at Oldham. The decision by Round, whose contract runs out in June, ends the possibility of a swap with Widnes for the

South's narrow victory Under-16 will be held at Bisham Abbey this weekend. Of the 25

players, seven are from the Midlands, six are from the West

League match rearranged from January 20. fender, has been recalled to the

Slough lead challenge

land, have also qualified by Guylech Western and Slough

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and there are four from the North, South and East, On Sunday, Chelmsford play Leicester in a Typhoo National

Suc Brimble, the Clifton de-

England squad for the home Aberdeen from March 30 to April 1. She replaces Sue Holwell who won 34 caps for England before announcing her retirement following her omis-sion from the World Cup squad.

Guytech Western, of Scotland, and Slough, two of the leading clubs in Britain, take part in the inaugural European indoor club. Thompson, Sue Chandler and Kate Parker—all internationals

Thompson. Suc Chandler and Kate Parker — all internationals - as well as Lesley Hobley, a prolific goalscorer. Slough are drawn in the same section as the powerful German team. Brandenburg.

Guytech also have a formidable nucleus of past and present internationals and have prepared meticulously.

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Cairns seeks move

David Cairns, the Salford rugby league club's scrum half, who is valued at £25,000, has been put on the transfer list at his own request, while the club's Australian prop, Tony Rampling, will miss the rest of the season

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Calragore: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,800ft. Upper runs all complete, new snow; icy bits. Middle runs complete,

with outbreaks of rain at all levels at all resorts. Some of this rain could be heavy. Cloud will be well down the slopes at times especially on mountain lease exposed to the southwest so a lot of hall fog. It will continue midd with the freezing level around 6.000th but saft fairly windy, the wind strong to gate force from the southwest with guiss of up to 50 mph over the summits. Outlook: The rain will eventually clear law holder in these war.

and some mental anguish, at Rugby Football League head-

Clash of loyalties for board If Great Britain win a comfortable and too easy victory against France at Perpignan on March 18 there will be mixed feelings.

quarters in Leeds. Officials, and particularly David Oxley, the chief exec-utive, face a dilemma as a clash looms between patriotic loyal-ties and the wider good of the 13-a-side game. Any other result than a narrow victory for Great Britain, after a brave and skilful fight by France, will cause gloom at Chapeltown Road and, in a broader sphere, at international board level.

Rugby league in France is just beginning to recover from the disasters of four seasons ago, when clubs were falling apart through lack of support, crowds were virtually zero, the sport was bankrupt and dissolution seemed inevitable. Faced with bankruptcy, the French pulled out of the international series and the outlook for the game across the Channel looked grim. RFL welcomes High Court ruling

judge not to grant an injunction to Andy Currier, the Widnes and Great Britain centre, was vesterday praised by the Rugby Football League for adding support to its judicial system (Keith Macklin writes). Currier, who was suspended for eight matches by the league's disciplinary committee for an alleged high tackle during a Challenge Cup tie with Batley, had applied for the injunction after the league turned down his

he stood to lose £5,000 in match

payments. On Wednesday, Currier, sup-

ported by Widnes, took the case to the High Court in Liverpool but, at a private hearing. Mr Justice Mars-Jones refused to overturn the suspension. No comment was yesterday

issued by Widnes, but the Rugby Football League said: "The judge found that the original hearing and the appeal were conducted in a proper and fair manner. We are delighted with the decision which en-dorses our own faith in the when, ironically, the League is being inundated with requests from other sporting bodies for copies of our judiciary constitution."

received by the officials with some degree of relief as well as a sense of justification. Had Currier's request for legal injunction been granted it might have thrown the League's disciplinary system into chaos, and disciplinary committee suspen sions inflicted on other players.

• The appeals committee yesterday upheld disciplinary sentences against Lee Crooks, of Castleford, and Gary Charlton, of Whitehaven, who received a suspension of eight matches and a suspension of unlimited dura-

CRICKET

FOOTBALL: PRETENDERS TO ARSENAL'S THRONE MUST STILL BEWARE OF THE BANANA SKIN IN THEIR PATH

Villa leading the way in style

By Stnart Jones Football Correspondent

Aston Villa, the new leaders of the first division, are walking towards a banana skin. The warning is offered by no less an authority than their own manager. Graham Taylor says that there is no better side for bringing you down to earth than Wimbledon, the visitors tomorrow afternoon.

"They make you scrap for everything", Taylor said — and he should know. He lifted Watford up the League by employing similarly unsophis-ticated factics to unsettle opponents. Villa could not cope last season. Beaten in both first division fixtures, they were also knocked out of the FA Cup at home by

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But Villa then were shuffling nervously along the edge of relegation. Now, carrying

Fleck aims at return to Scotland

Robert Fleck, whose scoring form for Norwich this season form for Norwich this season has taken him into contention for a place in the Scotland World Cup squad for Italy, last night surprised the East Anglian club by insisting he wants to leave as soon as possible.

Fleck, aged 24, a Glasgow Rangers forward, who would command a transfer fee of more than £1 million, said: "I want to

than £1 million, said: "I want to return to the Scottish premier

Five been in England for two years and as far as I'm con-cerned that's enough. I miss Scotland and I want to go back. "Although I have two years of my contract to run I feel it is inevitable that I will leave before it ends. I simply have to get home and the sooner better.

"If the chance arose to move tomorrow I would go, even with the World Corn is go, even with the World Cup just around the

Brian Talbot, the West Bromwich Albion manager, has announced that he will never again start a first-team match after being dissatisfied with his performance in his side's 1-0 defeat by Leicester at the Haw-thorns, on Wednesday.

Talbot, aged 36, named himself as a substitute for the second division match but had to play the whole game because Kevin Bartlett went down with flu. It was the first time Talbot, the former England midfield

player, had run out at the kickoff since undergoing a cartilage operation before Christmas. Talbot said: "The pace at the start of a game is too hectic and

it is too quick for me.
"My sharpaess has gone and
so far as I am concerned it is a
waste of time playing." • SYDNEY: Frank Arok said yesterday he would not reapply to coach the Australian national team (AP reports).

unshakable belief, they are striding positively towards the title. As Terry Venables said after his Tottenham Hotspur side had lost 2-0 on Wednesday night: "Confidence comes with consistency, and there is no reason why they cannot go on from here.

It is no coincidence that Villa closely resemble the formation and, in more than a few positions, the individuals of the champions. McGrath, Mountfield and Nielsen, for instance, form as solid a shield as Adams, Bould and O'Leary, the three central defenders who protected Arsenal during the closign stages last season. Villa's full backs, Gage and Price, are free to join the creative department and, just as Dixon and Winterburn were allowed regularly to prompt Rocastle and Marwood, so they support Daley and Ormondroyd, the



comically contrasting figures who provide speed on one flank and height on the other.

As young Thomas gained international recognition for his industrious contribution in midfield, so the youthful Platt has become the principal candidate for Bryan Robson's place in England's line-up next month. As Richardson resurrected his career at the age of 27, so the 31-year-old Cowans has discovered a new lease at Villa Park

the first division's most prolific scorer who finished with 23 goals, are being matched by Platt (16 so far) rather than Olney (9). But, like Arsenal, defensive security is the foundation of their success. No one has conceded fewer goals in the first division. Taylor did not immediately

find the right combination. After going down 3-1 at home to Queen's Park Rangers on September 23, which remains Villa's heaviest defeat, they were 17th. Significantly, Cowans was recalled, and they have since collected 47 points out of a possible total of 54.

"We are on top on merit,"
Taylor said. "It cannot be a fluke, although, if I was a journalist, I would still

describe us as the pretenders to Liverpool's throne. They have been through it all before, but we have a framedo their jobs."

The victory over Tottenham was their seventh in a row and McGrath, a member of the Manchester United side which opened with 10 successive wins four seasons ago, rates Villa as the superior unit. "There was so much good football and flair at Old Trafford, but this is the best team I've been in," he said.

"We are good to watch, we are not just scraping results and the confidence is sky high. Daley is scaring the living daylights out of defenders, Cowans is splitting defences with his passes and we have developed a good understand-ing at the back. We all believe in the way we are playing."

avoid stumbling in the banana

is expected of them and they stretch their lead to five points and allow Taylor, who has stood on the summit only momentarily with Watford in 1982, more time to enjoy the

> Whether Villa can sustain their position depends not so much on the strength of their nerve (their collective experience suggests that it will hold) but on injuries. Should the settled 11 all be available for the remaining 13 matches, the club captain could claim a unique distinction.

Gray, who was sent off in October and injured in December, is still waiting in the wings. "The way things are going, I could be the first captain to lead a team to the in the way we are playing."

That belief, a formidable League and Cup double, from asset, should enable them to the substitutes' bench," he



The greats remember their golden days

By Peter Ball

Football is at last discovering its past. Two weeks ago, following the publication of his biography, Sir Stanley Matthews's 75th hirthday brought a glittering host of names to pay tribute to one of the game's greatest players, the sort of gathering which cricket does so well and football has rarely done at all.

Yesterday, a similar group gathered at a hanch at Old Trafford, to lamach a tribute to the great players of earlier eras, a limited edition set of hand-crafted porcelain figures, of which there are 33 in all.

As well as Matthews, Tommy Lawton, Tom Finney, Straley Mortensen, Johnny Carrey, a frail Tommy Lawton, now walk-

"runner", joined the growing

band of critics.

After beating Clifford Craig.

After beating Clifford Craig. of Ireland, in straight sets, Richards, who is 39, said, "After nearly 30 years of running after my bowls, I'm finding it very difficult — and unnatural — to stop myself. The rule forces us to bowl blind, and curbs self-expression into the bargain."

In the first of the pairs matches, a confusing all-Irish affair, Jim Baker was opposed by Stan Espie, his world champ-

by Stan Espie, his world champ-ionship team mate, and partnered by Michael Dunlop, whose brother, Barry, led for Espie. Baker and Dunlop, M,

Gary Smith and Andy Thom-son, two sets up, lost the third

set of their opening match against Nick Donaldson, of

Guernsey, and Clive Major, of New Zealand, but responded

emphatically, winning the fourth set, 7-0.

Mullally deal

Alan Mullally, aged 20, the Western Australia fast bowler.

has agreed a two-year contract

with Leicestershire.

won in straight sets.

ing on two sticks after suffering a broken kip, Joe Mercer, and more modern greats, John Charles, Gordon Banks, Cliff Jones, and Danny Bianchflower were there to recall the poupand glory of their youth. "It's great to see all the faces I used to go past," Raich Carter said, with a typical sharp chuckle, his acerbic wit untiminished with years.

"Copping: he was hard. People talk about Stan and Tons, and it's right, they were great players, but from a term point of view, I'm not sure I'd pick them before Sammy Crooks, at Derby, or Johnsty Matson. They were great players, too."

And his listmers nodded agreement. But there were dissenters, among them some of the most eminent, including

recritic will unununum war years.

There was, inevitably, much reminiscing about the "good old days". "The game today? Rubbish. I'd sooner. watch rugby league. Now there's a game," Carter said, embarking on a litany of the "greats", the known and unknown ones, from his days with Sunderland in the

SWIMMING

left with

lone battle

By Craig Lord

Adrian Moorhouse, the world record holder and Olympic breaststroke champion from Leeds has withdrawn from a race which could have earned

him £10,000.

agreement. But there were dissenters, among them some of the most eminent, including Tom Finney, who, of the players of his era, was probably the one who would have adapted most

who would have adapted most readily to the greater demands of today's game.

"It is a different game today, and in some ways sat such a good one," the Preston president said. "It's less of a game today, the money is much greater, the

In my day, if you finished halfway up the first division, you'd had a good scason. Now, you're a failure.

"So it is more defensive, and the demands on the forwards are much greater. In my day, if I came back into the other half, Bill Shankly'd say: 'Get back to your own half, I'll take care of things here'. Now, if a forward loses it, he has to double back and fill in as caver. and fill in as cover.

"But it is neasense to say there aren't say good players now. That's just old players living in the past," Finney, understandably, se-lects Liverpool as a side to stand comparison with any of the great

Forest two years ago as the greatest performance he had ever seen from an English club side, and he insisted yesterday that he saw no reason to change that view. Barnes, Beardsley and Hanses — "a great player" — receiving his mastinting

The mention of Barnes even received an acknowledgement from Carter, and when Beardsley followed, his gnard dropped completely. "Peter Beardsley? Now there's a player. He's got a feel, a touch, he's a footballer." feel, a touch, he's a footballer. How can anyone leave him out of a side, ever?" The game's not what it was. But then, it never was.

SQUASH RACKETS

Dekker is Timetable beats Nancarrow

Promotional priorities at the Leekes Welsh Classic tour-nament in Cardiff may have nament in Cardini may have contributed to yesterday's dis-appointing demise of Tristan Nancarrow, an Australian who is both the most infuriatingly misbehaved player on the circuit and the most entertaining, 17-16, 15-13, 15-9 in 50 minutes at the hands of Mir Zaman Gul, of Pakistan.

On the eve of the Leicester meeting, which doubles as the final World Cup contest and fourth British Milk in Action Grand Prix event of the season, Moorhouse has decided that a world best time in the 100 meters because which Nancarrow, aged 27, set the £50,000 tournament alight with £50,000 tournament alight with a typically scintilating but occasionally offensive 105-minute first round performance against Rodney Martin, his fourth seeded compatriot, which he won 15-10, 12-15, 16-17, 15-12, 17-15, at 11.34 on Wednesday metres breaststroke, which would win him the prize, is vening. Because the tournament or-

would win aim the prize, is beyond his compass after a three-week holiday in New Zealand, following the Commonwealth Games. His withdrawal leaves Ron Dekker, of the Netherlands — one of only three men to break the one minute barrier in the event — facing a lonely battle against the clock. The world's best of 59.30sec was set by Dimitri Volkov of the Soviet Union, two weeks ago in Bonn.

Moorhouse, who was the first to go under the minute in a short course pool and whose world record in a 50-metre pool stands at 1:01.49, said: "I don't think it's realistic to go ahead with this swim. I'm not in shape

ganizer, Robert Edwards, has made television coverage his greatest priority in an attempt to revolutionize squash presenta-tion in Wales, the frenetic young world No. 18 was scheduled back on court for the first Thursday match at 2pm, just 14 hours after beating the World No. 4 for the first time since

they were juniors together at the Australian Institute of Squash. "It was particularly hard on Tristan because of the long five-senter with Rodney," Edwards said. "But I did warn the players in advance that we would juggle them about to suit BBC Wales

who are giving us daily coverage

Wednesday and followed him on yesterday without com-plaint. Tristan mouned a bit but I checked the rules of the International Squash Players Association and told him they demand only that a player is not scheduled for more than one game each day."

Technically, Edwards in-fringed this ruling anyway, since Jahangir defeated Paul Gregory, of England, 15-12, 15-7, 15-7 in a 54-minute first round match that ended at 12.45am yesterday and was back to serve Philip Whitlock similarly 15-3, 15-12, 15-6 in 41 minutes at 3pm.

here.

"They all agreed Jahangir (Paid to P Whiteok (Engl. 15-3, 15-12, 15-12) played later than Tristan on 18, 15-13, 15-9.

Lamazou ponders problem

past three weeks (Malcolm McKeag writes).

FOR THE RECORD

After 85 days alone at sea,
Titouan Lamazou, still leading
the Globe Challenge singlehanded non-stop round the
world race, is faced with a
tillemma. Four hundred miles
to the east, but only 113 miles
to the east, but only 113 miles
behind, is Jean-Luc Van Den
Heede, his main threat for the
past three weeks (Makonim rivals to cover.Lamazou appears to have opted to cover Peyron, and has moved more to the westward, where Peyron has been finding strong winds off

the South American coast.
Yesterday, Lamazou was averaging 7.6 knots to Peyron's nine, with VDH bogged down in the South Atlantic high and making just over five knots. The three have just crossed the tropic of Capricorn. Alain Gautier, meanwhile, became the sixth competitor to round Cape Horn.

SKIING

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TENNIS

NCHESTER: LTA women's satelline tour-neet: Semi-finale: E Callent (Seit) bt i tzer (WG), 5-4, 6-4; S Beglin (Neth) bt G orengel (Neth), 5-1, 4-5, 6-3.

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> OPERLAND: LTA autional aution: Tableau le: A Read bt G Warnes, 5-4, 6-3; M pridge bt J Valks, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; S Darrier bt lis. 5-2, 6-2. BARCLAYS BIPLE CHAMPICHES (semi-finals unless stated): Football: Staffordative 2, Brighton G. Guertesthart: Liverpool 5, Brigh-ton 4; Portscount O, Staffordative B. Hockey; Blace: Staffeld 1, Kingston C. Thamas S. Hottingitars 1, Wesser: Liverpool 4, Brighton C. Hughest 1, Staffeld 4, Netsell Liverpool 57, Brighton 52; Ontord 45, Staffordative B. Regdy others Lands 9, South West 10; Bristol 12, Sheffield 18, Separah rackwes: See: Newcastin 5, Wester C. Stafford 1, Liciotatr 5, Wesser: Newcastin 3, Brighton 6; Ningston 5, Wesser: Newcastin 3, Brighton 6; Ningston 5, Sheffield 19.

Nicholas captains

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the A team to a heartening victory Positive cricket in every depart- against the fast bowler. Good-

ment brought that scarcity, a win for an official England side by Mark Nicholas, beat Young Zimbabwe here by 138 runs. Young Zimbabwe were left to make 282 to win in 52 overs and were dismissed for 143.

Young Zimbabwe gamely pursued the target before they put up the shutters in the closing stages. England A finally won with 16 balls left in a fixture which seems unlikely to be given first class status. It would be inappropriate, perhaps, to shout too loudly from the house

Leaving aside one-day cricket though, the fact remains that spart from Young England recently in Australia, this was the first representative England team to win at any level since Sri Lanka were beaten at Lord's 18 months ago. mouths ago.

There were only two setbacks for the English team yesterday. Thorpe was mildly concussed when Murphy pulled a short ball from Lawrence straight into his face at forward short leg, while Pringle, who needed an innings, failed to score.

The pitch remained benign as Young Zimbabwe bean their

The pitch remained benign as Young Zimbabwe began their run chase. Murphy ran himself out and Pringle found a good one to beat Bruk-Jackson's defence. Forceful stroke play by Goodwin, who resembled Colin Milburn in every respect, kept Young Zimbabwe in the hunt. He down booked and superse He drove, booked and square

win was out when he edged a ball from Watkin into his

Zimbabwe's challenge slowly subsided.

Earlier Whitaker and Thorpe batted with mounting confidence until lunch. Whitaker decided to rest a slight knee strain at the interval. Thorpe flicked a catch off his legs first ball afterwards and Pringle was caught trying to glance.

ENGLAND A: First brings 294 for 5 dec (M A Atterdan 91, J P Stephenson 90, D J Bloknell 50 not out.

Second lunings

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Total (3 wids dec) 124

Total (3 wids dec) 191

M.A. Atherton, J.P. Stephenson, D.P. Pringle, D V Lewrence, J.A. Afford and St. Wagdin did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETE: 1-8, 2-154, 3-154.

BOWLING: McKay 11-4-25-0; Dube 8-0-44-1; Barry 10-1, McC. Corcier 63-2-20.

BOWLING: McKey 11-4-25-0; Dube 9-1 44-1; Baker 10-1-36-0; Crocker 6-3-22-1 du Preez 4-2-36-1; Murphy 9-2-28-1. Second lunings

G Staker not out E Dube run out A J Mackay c Rhodes Extras (b 4, nb 5)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-19, 3-61, 4-91, 5-82, 6-89., 7-110, 8-124, 9-126. BOWLING: Lawrence 10.2-0-80-2; Pr 6-1-28-1; Wattin 10-4-19-2; Atherica 7-0; Afford 16-9-25-8.

Barnett's 136 sets a testing target

From John Woodcock, Johannesburg

Thanks to Kim Barnett, Mike there was credit for the Wander-Thanks to Kim Barnett, Mike Gatting's XI were able to leave South Africa with a target to test them in their fourth and final one-day international here yesterday. Of the Englishmen's 296 for eight, Barnett made 136 in exactly as many balls.

There was a crowd of just under 30,000 to watch the last match of this tour and the last at the Wanderers before the open Meccano-like sheeting which Meccano-like sheeting which surrounds most of the ground is replaced by grass banks and one large modern stand. The ground having been acquired recently by the Transvaal Cricket Council, and no longer owned by the Wanderers' Club, the idea that Transvaal should look for a site elembers has been shaped. ewhere has been shelved.

With three fours in the second over, Barnett ran into the short of form which, when he is at his best, a difficult man to bowl to. He reached his 50 in the ninth over, off only 34 balls, his timing through the off-side being as good as I have seen either here or in Australia in the

ers' groundsmen, too.
After such a start —

Englishman's first wicket fell at 98 in the sixteenth over — Athey was a strange choice to but at No. 3. His 49 took 83 balls. By

the time Gatting came in only 12 overs were left and the chance of a total some way in excess of the 301 which South

Tuesday was gone.
But Barnett kept going and,
with some good running, ones
were turned into twos, and when
South Africa batted under the

lights they had plenty of work to

Africa made at Bloemfont

Smith goes Coaching on the rampage

From Qamar Ahmed Auckland

When Ian Smith, the New Zealand wicketkeeper, trudged to the wicket at Eden Park yesterday his country were in deep trouble against India. Something under four hours later his step was a good deal lighter as he walked off with 169 not out against his name, having steered New Zealand back on to safe ground.

The score was 85 for six in this third and decisive Test when Smith went in, and he faced only 128 balls in a 224minute stay, hitting three sixes and 23 fours.

It was the highest score of Smith's career, and his second hundred in Tests. It also estabished two record partnerships for his country; with Richard Hadlee be put on 103 runs for the eighth wicket, and with Martin Snedden, 136 for the ninth.

A blistering attack on the medium-pacer, Atul Wasson, late in the afternoon also fetched him 24 runs in an over, equal-ling lan Botham's record 24 for a six-ball over off Derek Stirling at the Oval in 1986. New Zealand's revival was launched soon after lunch, when

Richard Hadlee put on 46 with But it did really take off until

Thomson's dismissal brought in Smith. His arrival transformed the game as he and Hadlee took charge of an Indian attack which had scattered the upper order with their mixture of seam and

The 100 partnership came up after only 97 minutes, and almost immediately Hadlee fell. His 83 included 13 fours, and when he had scored 78 he passed 3,000 runs in Test cricket.

stockessive balls from Prabhalar brought Smith into the nineties, and was soon followed by his century. In the next 23 balls he went to 150, taking 24 runs off an over from Wasson, who was hit for two twos, two fours and TWO SIXES. NEW ZEALAND: First innings
T.J Frankin e Tendulicar b Wassan.
'J G Wright c Singh b Kapil
A H Jones c More b Prabhaker
M D Crows c More b Wassan.

Thomson c More b Kapil . J Hadise b Hirwani Total (9 wits) 387
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-29, 3-29, 4-51, 5-64, 6-85, 7-131, 8-234, 9-370.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 27 2-4-85-2; Prebhakar 26-9-119-2; Wassen 16 4-1-108-4; Hirwani 17-1-62-1, 1084; Fatwart 17-1-62-1.
INDIA: "M Azharuddin, W V Reman, M Prebhekar, S V Manirekar, D B Vengsarker, S R Tendukar, Gursheran Singh, Kapil Dev, †K S More, A Wasson, N Hitmani.

scheme for youths

By Ivo Tement

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) is to launch a three-year coaching scheme to help develop gifted teenage cricketers. The aim is that they should become Test players at a younger age than is often the case at present.

Bull, the computer company, is to spend £1.4 million sponsoring this "Development of Excellence". It will be concerned each year with selecting up to 24 of the best cricketers in the country at each of three levels, under 15, under 17 and under 10

The groups will be under the The groups will be under the supervision of three cuaches in Les Lenham, David Lloyd and Graham Saville. Coaching will take place at, among other venues, Lord's and Lilleshall. "We are working to build a better England for tomorrow," Alan Smith, the chief executive of the TCCR, said. "It is one of the most ambitious projects we have ever undertaken." have ever undertaken Ted Dexter, the chairman of

the England committee, said:
"The scheme arose through the concern of Micky Stewart. Cricket is not well structured at a young age in this country. Young players with ability have played below their own standard in the part. This will temphen in the past. This will tougher them up mentally and physically.

As part of their spousorship, Bull will support the under-19 England Young Cricketers, starting with a tour here by Pakistan this summer. The en-tire scheme has the support of the English Schools' Cricket Association and the Inter-Associational Cricical Association.

Stewart, the England team manager, will have overall control of coaching. Speaking from Jamaica, he said that talented

Jamaica, he said that talement players would be spotted at an early age. "Having regular series for the under-19 players will mean they are only one step away from the highest level of international cricket."

Tim Lamb the cricket see-

Tim Lamb, the cricket secretary of the TCCB, who has also been prominent in this conception, said: "We make no apologies for being elitist. So many activities are competing for young people's attention."

The Australian indoor cricket squad of 16 players arrives in England on Monday for an inaugural tour here. There are six representative matches scheduled, starting at Cradley Heath, in the Midlands, on March 2 and finishing on March

The England squad practised yesterday under the supervision of Kevin Brooks, the manager, in the indoor cricket stadium at

18, in Leeds.

Richards supports no-run criticism

By David Rhys Jones

With 13 of the 16 first-round matches played in the Embassy world indoors singles championship at the Preston Guildhall, competitors and officials paused to take stock as the pairs event got under way

Five Englishmen are through to the last 16, along with two each from Scotland and Wales, while the overseas challenge is while the overseas challenge is stronger than ever, with Isa Schubach, Rowan Brassey, Mark McMahon and Cecil Rransky already through, and Peter Belliss, of New Zealand, and Jim Yates, of Australia, threatening to join them today. Tony Allcock, who scraped through against Mike Kent, of Wales, was not amused at being kent from his bed until quarter to one yesterday morning and will be hoping to be excused nocturnal detention in future

Allcock has no arguments with the new rule restricting players' movements, because he had always made a habit of remaining at the mat end of the rink from where he bombards officials with verbal enquiries, but Wynne Richards, a natural

BOBSLEIGHING Lloyd returns to complete **British victory**

Malcolm Lloyd returned after a seven-year absence from nat-ional competition to win the British closed two-man championship at St Moritz yesterday in the centenary year of the sport in Britain (a Special Corres-

pondent writes).

In perfect conditions, Mark
Tout set the early pace in the
first lauf with 1mm 06.40sec
after a very fast start (5.20), only to see Nick Phipps recover from a deficit of 0.07 sec at the start to take the lead with an excellent drive of 1:06.36. Lloyd showed that he had lost none of his old skills to move into third place with 1:06.42 off a relatively slow start of 5.29. In the second lauf, Lloyd set the track alight with 1:06.29. tipps, off to a better start,

could not match the challenge and dropped a full half second to Lloyd. Tout, under pressure,

produced a steady 1:06.51 to set

up a tense final lauf. Tout matched Phipps and finished with 1:07.03. But Lloyd's nerve held. RESULTS: 1, M Lloyd, C Devies, Smin 19.62ac; 2, M Tout, G Farrell, 3:19.94; 3, N Phipps, E Horier, 3:20.35; 4, T De La Hunty, L Murrain, 3:21.89.

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HOCKEY MIDOX/BUCKS/BERKS/OXOM LEAGUE: Second division: Themes Valley 1, UCL 0.

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BOXING

BUJAING

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Carlos Febres (P Rico), pts: Narco (JUSRR) bt
Carlos Febres (P Rico), pts: Narco (Fasto) bt
Mess (Caba) bt Kintor Kintorov (Fast), pts.
Ligis-heavy: Roberto Avenez (Caba) bt
Certus Michalezeweid (WG), pts: Vadiori
Sozitor (USSR) bt Micharaed All Ebrahan
(Egypt), pts: Quanch Titzet (Tut) to Kim Gil
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bt Richard Kennedy (Jann, rac 2nd;
BANGICON: International Boadog Federation
miss-flywwight championship: Fabian
Lodossiphum (Thai) bt Est Chawez (Filia,
holder), ino 7th.
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BELFAST: Basteneweight (S mcs); John BELFAST: Bentaneweight (5 mds): John Lowey (Bettast) bt Gordon Shaw (Graegow), pts; Rijchte Wenton (Liverpool) bt Areal Cordows (Panissa), pts. Light (8): Miget Wenton (Liverpool) bt Lute Nexdets (Pan-area), rac Srd. Middle (8): Ray Close (Beltast) b) Frank Esbanton (Manchester), pts. Wetter

over (Heritati), pts. Weiter spana (Yea) bt (Delino Marin story (B): Joe Egan (Dublin) bt storham), pts. CYCLING

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FOOTBALL KUWAIT: Galf Cap: 'Oman 1, United Arab Entrates 1.

PRENICH LEAGUE: St Elienne 3, Muthouse 0; Coen 1, Azoerre 0; Brest 2, Bordenas 0; Moraco 0, Carmes 0; Motte 2, Toolouse 0; Morte 17: Resing Parts 0, Lyons 1; Life 1, Nice 1; Toulon 0, Parts Salot-Germain 3, Leading position (preche played, points) 1, Bordenay, 26, 39; 2, Margelles, 25, 38; 3, Moraco, 26, 31.

Wednesday's repetits

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Quarter-Seale: Hereford United 1, Notics County 1 (set, County won 4-3 on censt; Meldetone United 2, Eveter City 6.

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B & Q SCOTTISM LEAGUE: First division: Fatish: (), Clydebank 1. Postponed: Alica v Partick Thistis: Clyde v Ratin Rovers. Second division: East Stifling v Montrose.

GM VALIDMALL CONFERENCE: Boston 3, Macclesheid (), Famborough 4, Chaitlenton 0, AC DELCO CUP: Fourth round: Chesbam 1, St Abarts 2.

WESSTOATE BISSURANCE CUP: Fourth round. ESTOATE DISURANCE CUP: Fourth round, SYNERIAL ENSURANCE CUP: Fourth round, second lag: VS Rugby 1 Atherstone 0 (agg: 1-1. VS Rugby won 7-5 co pana); Bashley 6, Ashfort 0 (agg: 6-2). POINTERS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastin 0, Liverpool 0, Second division: Boton 1, Mensieud C; Griensty 2, Wigen 1; Port Vair 1, Scandinger 1; Wolvet 8, Preston C; York 2. Burnley 0. Postpaned: Sunderland v Barnsley.

OVENION PAPIERS COMBINATION: Brighton 5, CPR 0; Fulham 0, Luson 3; Oxford 2, Chaises 2.

VALICHALL LEAGUE: Second division north: Aveiley 3, Royston Town 0; Vaschell Motors 2.

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Marreelles, 25, 36; 3, Monseo, 26, 31.

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FA CUP: Fifth round replayer Barnsley 0,
Sheffield United 0 (acd, roplay at Barnsley 0,
Sheffield United 0 (acd, roplay at Barnsley,
Feb 28; Cambridge United 1, Bristol City 1
(act), replay at Cambridge, Feb 28; Eventon 1,
Citrians Athetic 1 (act), replay at Olcham, Feb
28; Queen's Park Reagers 0, Bhacapool 0
(act), replay at OPPI, Feb 26.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE First Division: Totan-lase Hotspur 0, Actos Villa 2, Second
division: West Bronoich Abbion 0, Lelosster
City 1, Triefd division: Brendford 0, Cardiff City
1. BOWLS STUDENT SPORT

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Meeters doubles toothaments First round: R Lutz (US) and M Rigenten (US) is C Parun (UZ) and J Simpson (NZ), 6-4, 7-8; J Newtonion (Aus) and A Roche (Aus) to M Cax (GE) and A Netroval (USSR), 6-3, 6-9.

John 1. Barla Student Rugby League Cup. Final: Looks Polytechnic 17, Laucester Poly-technic 14. Commencial, Engon UAU Chasiptonship

Bacinicipa ht J Valin, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; S Damer ht J Villin, 6-2, 6-3; S Damer ht J Barguer (US) ht M Schizpers (North, 7-6, 6-7, 6-5, 6-2; T Mayothe (US) ht J McEaron (US), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; R Reneithern (US) ht J Rostington (US), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; A Aguest (US) ht J Rostington (US), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; S Damer (US), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; P Korden (CC) ht J Yzaga (Perth, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; North (US) ht R Krishnan (India), 6-2, 6-5; M Schizpert (US), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; P Korde (CC) ht J Yzaga (Perth, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; North (US) ht L Glidemeister (Peru), 6-8, 6-3; M Zwervet (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; M Provis (Aus) ht L Glidemeister (Peru), 6-8, 6-3; M Zwervet (US) ht A Strassman (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; M Seine (Yung wijo S Martin (US); M Rawstillown (US) ht A Grassman (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; M Seine (Yung wijo S Martin (US); M Rawstillown (US) ht C C Carratingham (US), 6-4, 6-7; B H Schizper (US) ht R Grassmant Greetter Barille C Pricham (Carr) ht C Carratin (II, 6-4, 6-7; D Botha (SA) ht L Suly (SA), 4-6, 7-8, 6-4; M Petchay (Essen) ht M Christerson (Den), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

TOMORROW'S

The best at the Test

Alan Lee and David Gower examine England's hopes against the West Indies



Inside the power game

Denis Howell on the politics and the people in his years as Minister for Sport

Television picks 75 live matches for viewer battle

between the television companies. With British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) announcing that it intended to broadcast 12 matches from the Italian League live on Sunday afternoons next season, viewers equipped with the nec-essary dishes will be able to watch at least 75 live games in the nine months from August without needing to move from

their armchairs. British audiences will barely be able to draw breath after the saturation coverage of this summer's World Cup in Italy, scheduled to be shown by BBC and ITV and Eurosport, before their living rooms are filled with action beamed from Tannadice, Old Trafford, Turin, among many

The BBC, which has a £30 million joint contract with BSB signed in November 1988, will transmit five live FA Cup-ties on Sunday afternoons, plus the final, and international matches involving England during their build-up towards the 1992

ITV weighs in with a maximum of 17 English Barclays League fixtures and four League Cup matches, also on Sunday afternoons. which begins

broadcasting on April 29, has captured the Scottish market with at least 20 live matches. It will screen four live Skol Cup matches on Wednesday ings, in addition to four live Tennent Scottish Cup-ties, four live replays, and six to be "detrimental", to foot-

that his team can resist the

challenge of Liverpool and maintain its position at the

top of the first division until

Taylor, whose team reached

the top by beating Tottenham

Hotspur at White Hart Lane

on Wednesday evening, is

confident that it will not wilt

the FA Cup quarter-finals, are

seeking to re-establish them-

selves as one of the most

powerful clubs in Europe.

They have overtaken Liverpool in the League, with

a match in hand, while accu-

mulating a £700,000 surplus

Aston Villa, who are also in

the end of the season.

under the pressure.

Football yesterday found itself B & Q Scottish League ball in England the FA would in the front-line of the battle matches, plus at least two international matches from

arranged.
In England BSB will break matches on Sunday afterwith tradition by transmitting noons will overlap in a manfive FA Cup games live on Saturday nights, one from each round from the third to the semi-finals. In addition, it will screen a midweek replay

Sky Television plans to show six live matches: the final and both legs of the Zenith Data Systems Cup area semi-finals, and the final of the Leyland DAF Cup. Eurosport, which transmits on a Sky channel, will broadcast an unspecified number of tape-delay full-length matches

However, Peter Coppock, the ITV Sport spokesman, said his company did not regard the initiative from the satellite companies as potentially damaging to ITV's regular Sunday audience of seven million. "We are more than I think there is a lot more interest in the League than most other things, certainly more so than Italian football." A BBC spokesman said that

his organization was "very happy" with the choice of scheduling by BSB - "with whom we have a very ami-cable partnership" - David Bloomfield, a Football Association spokesman, said that the FA would be "keeping the situation under constant

Bloomfield said that if the

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Making his point: Breland, the WBA welterweight champion, in London yesterday

By Brian Stiles

Mark Breland, the elegant

Breland, immaculately appropriately named The White House, a London Hotel and skillfully bandled the

He kept his most telling retort until the end. "If Honeyghan goes the distance

off letting me knock him out," Sugar Ray Robinson. It was a he said. Sugar Ray Robinson. It was a millstone that helped bring

"I would prefer to fight in Atlantic City and then get in the car and drive straight home but I will travel where the money is and it's here in

In his early days he was he will look terrible after the saddled with the prediction

His maturity showed yes-

Breland, the elegant tourist | Only ripples at Cape but rings well deserved

The gods have smiled sweetly

on us at last. And what place better than at Cape Horn? The infamous Cape, which divides the grey-green waters of the Pacific from the brown Atlantic, is the pinnacle that has driven every competitor in the race to endure frostbite, continuous soakings, "cardboard" food and the cramped, smelly quarters of a racing yacht since September.

This was my first rounding, and the only point in the race that filled me with any dread. The pilot books report that the weather is almost always bad. blowing a full gale most days, and storms the rest that often build to hurricane force.

Worse, the fast flowing currents and steep shelving bot-tom help create ferocious 40ft to 60ft seas that continue to run even on the few occasions when the winds recede. Then, headway is marred by the that knocks what wind there is out of the sails.

There are many examples of ships that have drifted helplessly on the jagged rocks that line this mountainous "land of fire" but the story told to me by Robin Knox-Johnston that still sends most shudders down my spine is that of the Ellenbrook, a fully rigged ship, left becalmed off here in 1855. swells, one from the south, the other from the west, and capsized in the trough. The only reassuring aspect to Rob-in's tale is that her captain was picked up three days later, still clinging to the upturned hull.

Remarkably, when Rothmans rounded at 16.00 GMT on Wednesday, we faced nothing more than 20ft ripples. As the mighty Horn hove into sight, the rain clouds parted and after hoist-

tinues his diary of the Whitbread Round the World

ing a spinnaker, we sped round at 13 knots, one mile ahead of Charles Jourdan.

For seven in our crew who have been here at least once Alain Gabbey's crew so close, my first concern too, was to win this particular matchrace. Membership of the Cape Horners Club could wait. By tradition, those who

shoot the Horn under sail, wear a gold ring in their left lobe. It is not something that appeals to me but Paul Standbridge, now on his third rounding, wears his with pride. Kym Morton, my Australian No. 2 on board. counts the same number, but says the only reason he does not wear one is because his hair is not long enough to hide

Having turned our backs on the Southern Ocean and heading north once more, there is a strong sense onboard of being from Auckland has been a big disappointment, but the final 1.000-mile race to Punta dei Este is far from over.

Light weather has helped concertina the fleet, and though this has helped Merit to close within 21 miles of Rothmans, we too stand a chance once more of picking off the two New Zealand ketches if the wind gods continue to bless our path

Close competition after Cape Horn

Competition within the Leading positions Race heightened yesterday, as the leading yachts headed north from Cape Horn. Fisher & Paykel, Grant Dalton's ketch, from New Zealand, which has played the role of bridesmaid to Peter Blake's big red ketch, Steinlager 2, for so much of this voyage, got back on level terms, leaving Rothmans, of Great Britain, the French yacht, Charles Jourdan, and Ludde Ingvall's challenger, UBF, from Finland, fighting it out for third place, 70 miles

The Argos satellites did not pick up positions for Charles Jourdan or UBF Finland on their mid-day pass yesterday, but by interpolating their avcrage speed since the previous pass, it is apparent that 15 miles was all that divided Rothmans from her rivals.

Blake, who reported yesterday that four miles was all that divided his ketch from Fisher & Paykel when they rounded The Horn, five hours shead of Rothmans, on Wednesday, got out of his bunk at dawn yesterday, to find Dalton and his crew challenging just two miles

"This leg, and the race, is far from over, but it is nice to say goodbye to the Southern Ocean at last," he said. Earlier, Blake and his crew

upheld the last wishes of an old Cape Horner by spreading the ashes of Garth Neill, a New Zealand sailor, who first rounded the Cape as an apprentice, then aged 17, aboard a brigantine in 1924. The master mariner died at (compiled at 13:53 GMT yesterday with miles to Punts del Este, Uruguay): Massi division: equal 1, Sterrisper 2 (P Blate, NZ) and Fisher & Psykol (G Darton, NZ), 1,132: 3, Rothmans (J. Smith, GB), 1,216; 4, Chertes Jourdan (J. Gabbay, Fr), 1,218; 5, USF Finland (I. Ingvall, Fin), 1,230; 6, Ment (P Ferhimann, Switz), 1,230; 7 Menteis OF (M Wilkerl, Fin), 1,242; 8, Betmont Finland (I Hartimo, Fin), 1,364; 9, The Card, (R Nilson, Swey), 1,376; 10, Fazisi (S Novak, USSR), 1,389; 11, NC8 Ireland (J. English, Ire), 1,384; 12, Ganorade (G Fatick, It), 1,387; 13, Satquate British Defender (Cdr C Wattlens, GB), 1,387; 14, Fortuna (J Sentana, Sp), 1,402; 15, Liverpool Enterprise (B Selmon, GB), 1,520. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 2,683. Division 3: 1, L'Espri de Liberté (P Teberdy, Fr), 1,991; 2, Schlussel von Bremen, (R Persch, WG), 2,120; 3, Masden (T Ethwards, GB), 2,146; 4, Lis Poste (B Malte, Fr), 2,402; 5, Flucanor Sport (B Dubols, Beigh, 3,983. Crusser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J Crimenden, GB), 1,893; 2, With Integrity (A Cognal, GB), 1,897;

his home, in Hawkes Bay, earlier this year, aged 82. "We followed the simple ceremony laid down in the medical handbook. It was quite moving." Blake said, after making his fourth rounding of the Horn.

Further back in the fleet, Tracy Edwards, skipper of the British division three entry. Maiden, finally broke through the apalling atmospherics that have plagued radio transmissions with the fleet this week, to report that Michele Paret, her injured watch leader, was on the mend.
"Michele is a lot better,

though she has badly pulled mussles in her back. Claire (Maiden's doctor) thinks there is no damage to her spine, but will arrange for an X-ray on arrival in Uruguay as a :heck," Edwards said.

At the time of Edwards report, Maiden was 850 miles from the Horn, running downwind, before a 30 knot souwester, 155 miles behind their division leader, Patrick Tabarly's L'Esprit de Liberty.

Board and Union are preparing for merger

dominated South African Rugby Board (SARB) yesterday took an important step a merger with a rival multiracial organization. Anti-apartheid activists,

cott of South Africa, have for years demanded that the SARB merge with the South entry into world rugby union. Leaders of the two organizations met yesterday.

Rugby is by far the most

popular team sport among South Africa's 5 million nities and in a few black areas. The SARB, under the chairmanship of Danie Cra-

ven, has tried to encourage integration in its predominantly white leagues, but few black or mixed-race players have joined either its local club teams or the leading provincial squads.

Craven has expressed hope that the merger will help South African rugby break out

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Send to: The Royal Society for the Protection of FREEPOST, The Lodge, Sands, Bods SOIP 2BR. HEYOU CARE, THE RSPB WILL ACT.

By Dennis Shaw Graham Taylor, the manager on transfers and attracting of Aston Villa, is confident commercial income in addi-

tion to record gate receipts. Taylor said: "We're not there yet, but we're on our afford to team strengthen and also improve facilities in accordance with the Taylor

"We are not saying: 'Isn't it great, we're on top of the League'. It is not short-term glory we're looking for, not one trophy nor even two trophies. Our aim has always

been long-term stability." Taylor takes special pride in the manner of his team reaching the No. I position. "We couldn't have got there in a better way," be said. "It's very

game especially away in the first division. Neutrals will now say: 'This team knows what it's doing. They are on

"not hesitate to address BSB

that the English and Italian

ner which will detract from

the League fixtures." It is not

live matches from Italy on the

same afternoon as other

Considering it is benefiting

from an £18 million contract

to show live Cup matches, the

FA is not really in a position to

be overly critical. Yet BSB's plans for live Saturday night

football are likely to upset the

police. Assistant Chief Con-stable Malcolm George, sec-

retary of the Association of Chief Police Officers sub-

committee on hooliganism,

said yesterday: "I would fore-

on Saturday evenings, which

is one of the busiest periods of

From the spectator's view-

point, public transport on Saturday nights can be erratic,

and attending a match could,

BSB also announced yes-

terday that its chief com-

mentators would be Martin

Tyler, who has been working

for ITV, and Andy Gray, the

former Aston Villa and Scot-

land player. In addition, Ray

England internationals who

have played in Italy - would

Wilkins and Trevor Francis

Saturday night

the week for police officers."

and the BBC on the subject".

Liverpool success for so many years. True, nobody does know what the final phase of the season will bring except that Liverpool definitely can

fluke. We are not on top by accident. When you consider we are top of the table yet Liverpool themselves haven't lost for something like 15 games it is a measure of our

illa radiate confidence

top on merit."
"We have been force-fed on cope with the pressures."

Can Villa?. "My answer is that what's happening is no

world boxing tourist, feels his 11-day stop over in London is providing him with just a lucrative tour of the sights, but the main sight he has in view is Lloyd Honeyghan, the Lon-douer who has threatened to rob him of his World Boxing

turned out in a pinstriped suit, looked anything but a mugger one doing the mugging at Wembley Arena a week tomorrow. Breland, an articulate and intelligent ambassador for his sport, yesterday sat in the probing attention of the British boxing Press.

fight. He will be much better

£250,000 for his labours in the richest non-heavyweight bout staged in Britain and he will be able to cross off another foreign country from his round-the-world boxing tour

travel broadens the mind and in Las Vegas in February be found richer pickings outside the United States defending title in Switzerland,

London this time," Breland

that he would be better than

about his defeat in the first defence of the WBA title which be won by beating Harold Volbrecht, of South Africa, in February 1987.

Marion Starling knocked him out in the eleventh round. He fought Starling eight months later and secured a draw which helped to partly the United States.

Since capturing the vacant knockout of Seung Soon Leelast February, Breland has proved he has matured, defending his title in style on three occasions.

terday as he diplomatically deflected questions about Honeyghan's animosity towards him for having allegedly supported apartheid by boxing

past tables populated by im-

passive giants of the modern

Wearing dark glasses, as if

against the glare of the

intimidating team they

spawned, they took their seats

and wondered just how it all

ers to help them remember. It

went on long past midnight

and, if this was an occasion for

Robin Smith would testify

those of another generation,

that made it no less relevant.

to that. Smith, whose lack of

runs on tour has persuaded

him to hastily re-grow the

moustache he shaved off last

month, listened with avid

amusement to the tale of how

Clave Walcott, similarly out of

form in 1950, superstitiously

blamed his new moustache.

Consigning it to the razor

before Lord's, he made 168

not out. Five of the eight surviving

England players from that

There were plenty of speak-

lappened.

The 'little pals' who began it all

From Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent Kingston, Jamaica

Even as pulses begin to quicken for England's latest struggle against a demonstrably superior cricketing force comes a provocative reminder of when the game, and its power bases,

were altogether different. With a sense of timing that might unkindly be thought mischievous, Jamaican society chose the final approaches to this new Test series for a lavish celebration of the West Indies' first win in England in June. 1950, and at Lord's of

all places. The West Indies, permitted the status symbol of five-day Tests for the first time, had lost the opening match at Old Trafford by 202 runs. English rule was OK, so it seemed. But to general disbelief, two novice spin bowlers dominated

Injury has

Martin out

Eamonn Martin, the Commonwealth 10.000 me-

tres champion, has been

forced to pull out of an

international road race in

Sardinia, Italy, on Sunday,

after injuring a calf muscle

during a track training session.

He said he hoped to be

Nick Faldo and Seve

Ballesteros are now competing

to become golf's top film stars.

Both have made instructional

videos - and both predict best

seilers. Faldo's video has al-

ready sold 115,000 in Britain.

Ballesteros expects more than

one million of his to be sold

over the next five years.

running again in a few days.

Golf contest

the Lord's Test. England were occurred to them, is the great beaten by 326 runs and it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that the game between these two nations, has not been the

On Wednesday night in Kingston's major hotel, a touching reunion took place. Sonny Ramadhin, now 60 years old and a publican in Lancashire, and Alf Valentine. 59, and still very Jamaican. were lauded by some of their contemporaries as the match they like to call the watershed West Indian cricket was lovingly relived.

For the current West Indian and English players, sited discreetly near the back of a 600-strong dinner party paying £50 a head, this was a night

The players of today tend to be less than starstruck by

proximity to famous elders.

But what cannot fail to have

Williams: club manager

Jones returns

Mandy Jones, aged 27, the

women's world cycling road race champion in 1982 and

former holder of the world

5.000 metres record on the

track, is planning a comeback

as a member of the Liverpool

Mercury-Townsend Cycles

paradox of West Indian cricket being launched, internationally, by a pair of wispy spin bowlers. There will probably be not a

single over of spin delivered

by Vivian Richards's side in the Test starting here tomorrow. Spin has been systematically alienated from the West Indian game plan since Lance Gibbs played the last of his 79 Tests, 15 years ago. They no longer win games through subtlety but they win

plenty through more macho skills. It goes against the grain to admit it but this England team would perform communal somersaults of relief if the policy was reversed overnight.

And so it was a slightly surreal experience to witness Ramadhin, a spry advertisement for pub life, and Valentine. grinningly gap-

SPORT IN BRIEF Extra role J. P. R. Williams, the former Wales and British Isles full back, has been appointed manager of Tondu, the sec-

> at flanker for several seasons. Skiing doubt

Stockholm (AP) - The Vasaloppet cross-country ski marathon due to take place on March 4 is likely to be cancelled because of lack of snow. A final decision will be made on Sunday.

Euro accord Rome (AP) - Italy and Spain signed an agreement yesterday that could be the first step in the formation of a European basketball league. They will set up a permanent body to coordinate activities. France and Greece are expected to join.

Test had been flown in for the dinner, none more solidly English that Alec Bedser nor more popularly Pickwickian than Godfrey Evans. But after the ritual playing of Lord

Kitchener's calypso which immortalized the spinners it ond-class club, near Bridgend. He has played for the third XV was the great Sir Leonard Hutton, senior professional at the time and now standing erect and proud against the passage of years, who delivered the English response. "The Caribbean," he said, "became harder and harder as

you got better and better." If this was a message with which Graham Gooch's team could concur, there was symbolism in the anecdote offered by the West Indies 1950 all-

rounder Gerry Gomez. "While we were seeking out champagne in the dressing room," he recalled, "Ram and Val only wanted to get to Regent's Park Zoo in time for the feeding of the lions."

Cape Town (AP) - The white- to oversee the sport in South towards a possible return to international competition whites, but it is also played in after agreeing, in principle, to many mixed-race commu-

who support the sports boy-African Rugby Union - as a pre-condition for a possible reand announced they would

form a single, non-racial body of the boycott.

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